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## THE PERFECT STORM

### Patricia Slams Mexico Coast as Category 5 Hurricane

This satellite image taken on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, and released by NASA, shows the eastern quadrant and pinhole eye of Hurricane Patricia moving towards southwestern Mexico. The Category 5 storm is strongest ever in the Western Hemisphere, according to forecasters.

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## Patricia Slams Mexico Coast as Category 5 Hurricane

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PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico

(AP) — Hurricane Patricia roared ashore in southwestern Mexico as a Category 5 storm Friday, bringing lashing rains, surging seas and cyclonic winds hours after it peaked as the strongest storm ever recorded. Forecasters said it had potential to do "catastrophic" damage.

There were early reports of flooding and landslides, but no word on fatalities or major damage. TV news reports from the coast showed some toppled trees and lampposts and inundated streets. Patricia's center made landfall in a relatively low-populated stretch of the Jalisco state coast near Cuixmala. The nearest significant city, Manzanillo,

was about 55 miles (85 kilometers) southeast and outside the extent of the storm's hurricane-force winds.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm that had 200 mph (325 kph) winds earlier in

had reinforced homes with sandbags and shop windows with boards and tape, and hotels rolled up beachfront restaurants.

At a Red Cross shelter, some 90 people waited anxiously in the heavy, humid air, including senior

of 200 mph (325 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center.

Patricia's power while still out at sea was comparable to that of Typhoon Haiyan, which left more than 7,300 dead or missing in the Philippines two years ago, ac-



A couple looks out to sea as rainfall increases with the approach of Hurricane Patricia in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. Hurricane Patricia roared ashore in southwestern Mexico as a Category 5 storm Friday, bringing lashing rains, surging seas and cyclonic winds hours after it peaked as the strongest storm ever recorded.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

the day had weakened some, but remained a very dangerous Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 165 mph (270 kph) at landfall.

Patricia's projected path headed over a mountainous region dotted with isolated hamlets that are at risk for dangerous mudslides and flash floods. The storm was expected to rapidly weaken over the mountains and dissipate Saturday, but was still capable of soaking the region with heavy rain.

Residents and tourists hunkered down in shelters and homes across a coastal stretch dotted with sleepy fishing villages and gleaming resorts, including Manzanillo and the popular beach city of Puerto Vallarta.

In Puerto Vallarta, residents

citizens in wheelchairs and young children snuggled between their parents on mattresses on the floor.

Carla Torres and her family sought refuge there in the afternoon, fearful of what Patricia might do to her home just two blocks from a river in an area vulnerable to high winds.

"Here we are with those who can give us help," Torres said.

Patricia formed suddenly Tuesday as a tropical storm and quickly strengthened to a hurricane. Within 30 hours it had zoomed to a record-beating Category 5 storm, catching many off guard with its rapid growth.

By Friday it was the most powerful hurricane on record in the Western Hemisphere, with a central pressure of 880 millibars and maximum sustained winds

according to the U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization. More than 4 million people were displaced and over 1 million houses were destroyed or damaged in 44 provinces in the central Visayas region, a large cluster of islands.

Mexican officials declared a state of emergency in dozens of municipalities in Colima, Nayarit and Jalisco states, and schools were closed.

Many residents bought supplies ahead of Patricia's arrival. Authorities opened hundreds of shelters and announced plans to shut off electricity as a safety precaution.

According to the 2010 census, there were more than 7.3 million inhabitants in Jalisco state and more than 255,000 in Puerto Vallarta municipality. □

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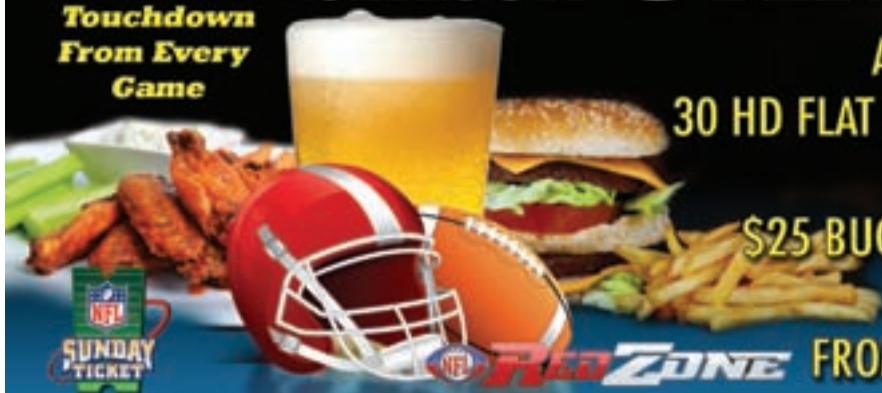

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## Carter: Soldier heroically entered Kurdish-IS firefight



This photo provided by the U.S. Army shows Master Sgt. Joshua Wheeler. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq has identified the commando killed in a raid against the Islamic State group in northern Iraq as Master Sgt. Joshua Wheeler.

(US Army via AP)

ROBERT BURNS  
VIVIAN SALAMA  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. soldier fatally wounded in a hostage rescue mission in Iraq heroically inserted himself into a firefight to defend Kurdish soldiers, even though the plan called for the Kurds to do the fighting, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Friday.

"This is someone who saw the team that he was advising and assisting coming under attack, and he rushed to help them and made it possible for them to be effective, and in doing that lost his own life,"

Carter told a Pentagon news conference.

Carter applauded Army Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler, 39, of Roland, Oklahoma, who died of his wounds Thursday.

The defense chief gave the most extensive public description yet of what transpired during the pre-dawn raid on an Islamic State prison compound near the town of Hawija.

About 70 people, including at least 20 members of the Iraqi security forces, were freed.

It was the first time U.S. troops had become involved in direct ground combat in Iraq since the

war against the Islamic State was launched in August 2014, and Wheeler was the first U.S. combat death.

Carter said he expects U.S. forces to be involved in more such raids against Islamic State targets, describing it as part and parcel of what the Pentagon calls a "train, advise and assist" mission in support of Iraqi forces. At one point he said, "It doesn't represent assuming a combat role" — but later, in noting that it is difficult to see the full picture of what happened during the Hawija raid, he

said: "This is combat. It's complex."

Carter portrayed Wheeler as a hero and said he would be present when Wheeler's body is returned to the U.S. on Saturday.

"As the compound was being stormed, the plan was not for the U.S. ... forces to enter the compound or be involved in the firefight," Carter said.

"However, when a firefight ensued, this American did what I'm very proud that Americans do in that situation, and he ran to the sound of the guns and he stood up. All the indica-

tions are that it was his actions and that of one of his teammates that protected those who were involved in breaching the compound and made the mission a success."

"That is an inherent risk that we ask people to assume," Carter added. "Again, it wasn't part of the plan, but it was something that he did, and I'm immensely proud that he did that."

U.S. combat troops have rarely, if ever, participated directly in combat against IS fighters on the ground since the U.S. mission began in 2014. □

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## Bush slashing spending, shifting staff amid campaign woes

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia

(AP) — Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush is drastically slashing campaign spending, including an across-the-board pay cut for staff, as the one-time front-runner seeks to salvage his bid for his party's nomination.

Despite financial and organizational advantages, Bush — the son and brother of former presidents — has struggled to break out of a crowded Republican field so far dominated by unorthodox candidates, including billionaire Donald Trump and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson.

Bush said Friday the moves will allow his campaign to operate "lean and mean" going forward. Asked whether the changes signaled trouble for his White House hopes, he said, "It means I have the ability to



Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush speaks during a Presidential candidate forum at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. For months, Jeb Bush's campaign insisted it was too early. But with just over three months until primary voting gets underway in Iowa, and Bush still mired in the middle of the crowded GOP field, some supporters fear it could soon be too late.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

adapt."

The former Florida governor has been under pressure from supporters to revamp his campaign with less than four months to go before the first primary contests.

In contrast to the Republican field, Hillary Rodham Clinton is swiftly solidifying her status as the overwhelming favorite for the Democratic nomination. Bush officials acknowl-

edged that the changes reflect a campaign landscape that looks far different than what they originally expected. Trump's unexpected rise has pulled attention away from other

candidates and revealed deep voter frustration with Washington and experienced politicians.

The Bush moves will reduce the campaign's payroll by 40 percent, while also cutting travel costs by 20 percent and eliminating extraneous overhead costs. Most campaign officials were told of the cost-cutting on Friday.

The changes mark a significant setback for a campaign that spent months building a large operation, but there are no signs Bush is on the verge of withdrawing from the race. He was scheduled to attend an event at Regent University in Virginia on Friday afternoon and had events with donors beginning Sunday in Texas.

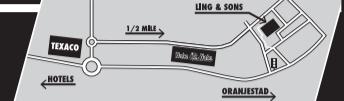
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## Donald Trump pans Iowa polls, says Carson 'super low-energy'



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures as he addresses supporters during a campaign stop at the Trump National Doral Miami resort, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 in Doral, Fla.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

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**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump dismissed polls that show him trailing Dr. Ben Carson in Iowa, calling the retired neurosurgeon "super low-energy" before a boisterous crowd in Miami on Friday night.

The Iowa polls are a rare setback for the billionaire businessman's campaign. He's leading polls nationally and in other early primary states.

Mimicking a television journalist reporting the breaking news of Trump slipping behind Carson, Trump ridiculed his Republican rival. "We informed Ben, but he was sleeping," Trump joked. The crowd roared.

He also said the polls in Iowa "are wrong" and said most pollsters "don't like me at all."

Trump, who will also appear at a rally in Jacksonville on Saturday, maintained his

usual swagger, boasting about his poll numbers in other states — especially in Florida, where he is ahead of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Marco Rubio, both residents.

Trump spoke not far from Bush's sprawling Miami headquarters the same day Bush's campaign said that it would be drastically slashing campaign spending,

including an across-the-board pay cut for staff, and focusing more narrowly on early states.

In Florida polls, Trump remains far ahead of Bush, the state's former two-term governor, and Rubio, the state's junior senator since 2011.

A University of North Florida poll of likely Republican primary voters out this week found Trump with the support of 22 percent. Carson, who also lives in the state, had 19 percent. Rubio was third with 15 percent and Bush fourth with 9 percent.

Trump is hoping to maintain that advantage with a heavy investment in Florida, even though it doesn't hold its winner-take-all primary until March 15. Trump's team announced Friday that Joe Gruters, the vice chair of the Florida Republican Party, will serve as his Florida campaign chair, while Susan Wiles, who managed Gov. Rick Scott's winning 2010 campaign, will serve as co-chair.

The campaign is also planning to open a Sarasota office in early November, said Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski.

That puts him ahead of many of his rivals, including Rubio and Carson, who have yet to open offices in the state.

Alex Conant, Rubio's campaign spokesman, played down the Florida numbers, saying "polls don't matter at this stage."

Rubio has been "up and down in the polls, and he's currently rising," said

Conant.

He said the campaign will soon come out with leadership teams in each of the state's 67 counties and Rubio has made recent campaign stops in the state.

While Trump has never taken up residence in Florida, he has a home in Palm Beach as well as several business ventures, and is well-known in philanthropic circles.

Longtime operatives and pollsters in the state say that, like many potential voters nationwide, many Republicans in Florida are looking for a change. That sentiment was evident at Trump's loud rally.

"We need someone strong to lead the country and Trump is the one," said Fabian Sardinas, a 41-year old Cuban-American from Miami.

Bush said this week on CNN that Trump is "capturing people's deep anger and angst about Washington,

D.C." He predicted Trump's support will wane after voters consider "who has the judgment and the seriousness and the ideas to be president."

Trump's visit to Miami also attracted about two dozen protesters, who paraded outside the entrance to Trump's resort. Several were removed by police officers from the banquet hall after trying to shout down Trump during his speech.

Among them was Bertha Sanlés, an immigrant from Nicaragua, "He must respect Latinos," she said outside the resort.

The Spanish-language network Univision, whose headquarters are next door to Trump's resort, reported that its journalists were not allowed to cover the event.

"Mr. Trump is suing Univision for \$500 million and until that is resolved it is a conflict of interest," said Trump spokesperson Hope Hicks.



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A fence surrounds the state prison in Florence, Ariz. Arizona has joined a number of states that have tried to illegally import a lethal injection drug that's not approved in the U.S., according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

ASTRID GALVAN  
JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Federal authorities have confiscated shipments of a lethal-injection chemical that Arizona and Texas tried to bring in from abroad, saying such imports are illegal — a move that com-

pounds the nation's severe shortage of execution drugs.

The Food and Drug Administration said Friday that it impounded orders of sodium thiopental, an anesthetic that has been used in past executions in combination with drugs that paralyze the muscles and

stop the heart. The anesthetic currently has no legal uses in the U.S.

"Courts have concluded that sodium thiopental for the injection in humans is an unapproved drug and may not be imported into the country," FDA spokesman Jeff Ventura said in a statement.

(AP Photo/File)

Arizona paid nearly \$27,000 for the sodium thiopental, which federal agents intercepted when it arrived at the Phoenix airport in July, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Texas and FDA authorities gave fewer details about the confiscation there. Texas is the nation's busiest death penalty state, with about 250 death row inmates and 530 executions carried out over the past four decades. It has not used sodium thiopental in recent years.

The national shortage has become more acute over the past few years, ever since European companies started refusing to sell certain drugs to the U.S. Death penalty states have been scrambling to secure supplies, a search that in at least one case led to India and a forlorn-looking business in a residential neighborhood. States have had to change drug combinations or put executions on hold while they look for other options. As backups,

Tennessee brought back the electric chair and Utah the firing squad.

Other states also have looked into buying drugs internationally.

Ohio, which halted executions until at least 2017 because of drug shortage, told the FDA earlier this month it believes it can obtain a drug overseas without violating any laws.

Nebraska ran afoul of the FDA in May when the agency said it could not legally import sodium thiopental and a second lethal-injection chemical it bought for \$54,400 from Harris Pharma, a distributor in India. That shipment apparently never made it to the United States.

"Just wanted to let you know have a few states who have already ordered sodium thiopental. Would Nebraska be interested as I will have a few thousand vials extra," Chris Harris, CEO of Harris Pharma, wrote in April to Nebraska officials, who released the correspondence under a public records request.

## Trail hiker pleads guilty to wire fraud in embezzling case

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A Kentucky accountant who spent much of six years as a fugitive hiking the Appalachian Trail pleaded guilty Friday to a wire fraud count and agreed to pay back money embezzled in an \$8.7 million case.

Federal authorities will drop 74 other counts of wire fraud and money laundering against James T. Hammes under an agreement that includes explaining what happened to the millions diverted from his employer, a Cincinnati-based Pepsi-Cola bottler,

in a scheme the FBI said began 17 years ago. U.S. District Judge Susan J. Dlott accepted the plea after asking him a series of questions, including whether he was pleading guilty because he is, "in fact, guilty." "Yes, I am," Hammes, 53, replied.

Dlott said she would sentence him after reviewing results of a presentencing investigation that could take several months. She warned him that she could still impose the maximum sentence of 20 years, even though his deal with the government called for less

time. He said he understood. FBI agents arrested Hammes in May at an inn in Damascus, Virginia, during the annual Trail Days festival. The inn's operator and fellow hikers say he was known by the trail name Bismarck, an affable, bushy-bearded hiker who often appeared in photos and online posts with other hikers along the more than 2,000-mile trail stretching from Georgia to Maine. Hammes' hair was long, but his beard was trimmed neatly Friday when he was led into the courtroom, hands and legs shackled

and wearing an orange-and-white jail jumpsuit. He told Dlott during questioning that he was taking medication for depression. He smiled and mouthed greetings to a friend in the courtroom. She refused to talk with a reporter. Hammes also smiled at Ron Vissing, a Lexington man who said he used to play racquetball with him. Vissing said he wanted to learn more about what happened. "We all assumed he had left the country," Vissing said of Hammes' hiker life. Why he didn't is among

the questions lingering for the family of his late first wife, though her sister, Jane Ryan, of Springfield, Illinois, said they are skeptical of any explanations from Hammes. "He's such a liar about everything," she said Friday by telephone. "Whatever he says is meaningless." Ryan is one of four siblings of Joy Johnson, of Waverly, Illinois. Her sister met Hammes when both attended college in Springfield, and they were married with a daughter when Joy died at 40 in 2003 after a fire in their Lexington home.

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## Major drug tunnel found on US-Mexico border in California

ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Authorities seized 12 tons of marijuana and arrested 22 people after discovering one of the longest cross-border tunnels between the U.S. and Mexico, officials said Thursday.

The passage connecting warehouses in San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, was about 2,400 feet long and 30 feet deep. It was lit, ventilated and equipped with a rail system — hallmarks of the most sophisticated tunnels found along the border. Near-simultaneous police stings on Wednesday resulted in six arrests in San Diego and 16 in Mexico. Authorities recovered two tons of marijuana in the U.S. and 10 tons in Mexico. U.S. authorities said smugglers tried to move the first load of drugs through the tunnel on Wednesday but that nothing got through undetected.

The sting came after an undercover agent for U.S. Homeland Security Investigations agreed to provide the drug smugglers with drivers and use of a warehouse in exchange for a \$10,000 payment for each truckload of drugs moved, according to a probable cause statement.

The discovery demonstrates the enduring appeal of tunnels to smugglers, despite the significant time and money required to build one. Dozens of tunnels have been found along the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years, some equipped with hydraulic lifts and electric rail cars. "We see a super tunnel open for business once every year or so," said U.S.

Attorney Laura Duffy. "Just when they think they're ready to move, we put it out of business. We continue to make good on our promise to relentlessly pursue and shut down any tunnel as soon as it opens." The San Diego-Tijuana region is popular because its clay-like soil is relatively easy to dig with shovels and pneumatic tools, and both sides of the border have warehouses that provide cover for trucks and heavy equipment.

It was unclear which drug trafficking organization orchestrated the latest passage but the region is largely controlled by Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, whose leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman escaped from a maximum-security prison in Mexico in July through an elaborate tunnel.

Mexican federal police said in a news release that those arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking told authorities that they had ties to a criminal group that operates in the state of Jalisco — an apparent reference to the Jalisco New Generation cartel, which controls that part of western Mexico.

The Mexican suspects were caught off-guard when authorities arrived at the Tijuana warehouse with a search warrant, police said. No shots were fired. The drugs found were wrapped in 873 packages covered with plastic and tape.

On the U.S. side, the tunnel entry point in a warehouse near the Otay Mesa border crossing had no stairs or ladder. Duffy said smugglers were believed to be using pulleys.

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This photo released by Mexico's Federal Police shows an underground tunnel that police say was built to smuggle drugs from Tijuana, Mexico to San Diego in the United States. Mexican federal police said the tunnel extends about 2,600 feet (800 meters) and is lit, ventilated, equipped with a rail car system, and lined with metal beams to prevent collapse.

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## Israel lifts Muslim age limit at Jerusalem shrine

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**Associated Press**

**RAMALLAH, West Bank**

**(AP) —** Muslim prayers at a major Jerusalem shrine, the epicenter of weeks of unrest, ended peacefully Friday after Israel lifted restrictions on worshippers in an apparent bid to ease tensions.

Meanwhile, violence continued in the West Bank where Palestinians threw a firebomb at an Israeli car, wounding a mother and her two children. An Israeli news site said one of the children, a 4-year-old girl, was badly burned.

The decision to allow Muslims of all ages to pray at the site coincided with a diplomatic push by U.S. Secretary of State John

Kerry to restore calm. This includes getting all sides to agree on the ground rules at the Muslim-run shrine and prevent future tensions.

Kerry is meeting over the weekend with Jordan's King Abdullah II, custodian of the holy site, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, after holding talks Thursday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who just returned from talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, said that "despite the anger and the polarization, there is still time to step back from the brink."

In Vienna, the Quartet of Mideast mediators — the U.S., U.N., European Union



**FILE - Palestinians pray during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, near the Dome of the Rock Mosque in the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's old city. The "status quo," phrase has emerged as one of the most confusing buzzwords in the current round of Israeli-Palestinian friction. It refers to decades-old unwritten rules of behavior at a major Jerusalem shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews. Disagreement between Israelis and Palestinians over what that entails has helped trigger the latest violence, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is now trying to work out a new rule book.**

**(AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)**

and Russia — issued a statement calling on Israel and the Palestinian leadership to show "maximum restraint and avoidance of provocative rhetoric and actions." Quartet envoys will travel

to the region soon. The Quartet statement was released after a meeting of high-ranking members on the sidelines of Syria talks. It said calm is needed to "restore confidence and

hope in the viability of a negotiated two-state solution" between Israel and the Palestinians, ending "the occupation that began in 1967" and resolving the status of Jerusalem.

The current round of violence erupted in mid-September, with clashes at the Jerusalem shrine, revered by Muslims and Jews, quickly spreading to the rest of the city, as well as the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

On Friday, Palestinians threw a firebomb at a passing Israeli car, wounding a woman and her two children in the West Bank, the Israeli military said. The Haaretz daily said a 4-year-old girl sustained burns on 35 percent of her body while her sister and mother were lightly wounded.

The attack came after a Palestinian stabbed a soldier in the West Bank and was shot by troops, the military said. □

## Dozens killed in battle for Yemeni city of Taiz

**AHMED AL-HAJ**

**Associated Press**

**SANA, Yemen (AP) —**

Heavy fighting between Yemeni pro-government forces and Shiite Houthi rebels besieging the western city of Taiz has killed 76 people since Wednesday, Yemeni security officials said Friday.

Of those killed, 11 were civilians and the rest were fighters from both sides. Another 100 people have been wounded in fighting in the city, where a Saudi-led coalition is carrying out airstrikes against the rebels. Yemen's fighting pits the Houthis and allied army units against forces loyal to the internationally recognized government as well as southern separatists and

other militants. The U.N. says at least 2,577 civilians were killed since the Saudi-led air campaign began in March, while 5,078 have been injured.

The U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said in a Friday statement that checkpoints run by fighters affiliated with the Houthis are exacerbating "the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation" in Taiz. They are limiting the movement of civilians and blocking supply routes from the capital Sanaa, the port city of Aden and other parts of Yemen, the U.N. said.

Civilians and traders are being stopped from transporting essential goods into Taiz, including water,

fruit and vegetables, the U.N. said, adding that the price of water has soared by 300 percent in the past week. The health system in Taiz is at "near collapse" and small private hospitals "have been overwhelmed with casualties by the fighting," the U.N. said.

Also Friday, coalition airstrikes hit a Houthi-held security administration building in the central Ibb province, killing at least seven rebels and destroying weapon supplies, security officials there said. In Bayda province, six Houthis were killed in an airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition that hit a rebel camp, according to security officials and witnesses who declined to be named. □

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## Serbia, Croatia to speed up refugee flow across their border

RADUL RADOVANOVIC

Associated Press

BAJAKOVO, Croatia (AP) —

Shocked into action, Serbia and Croatia agreed Friday to increase the flow of asylum-seekers over their border after thousands were forced to spend a muddy night out in the open in near-freezing temperatures.

The two nations' interior ministers said they will start shipping migrants by train

directly from Serbia to Croatia so they won't have to cross on foot, often trekking kilometers (miles) in the rain and cold weather.

"We have agreed to stop this torture," said Croatian Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic.

"There will be no more rain and snow, they will go directly from camp to camp."

The surge is showing no signs of abating. The Inter-

national Office for Migration says Greece over the last week experienced the largest single weekly influx of migrants this year, an average of 9,600 people per day compared to between 4,000 and 6,000 per day in September. EU officials have called a summit for Sunday of several EU and Balkan leaders to focus on the migrant crisis. Tensions have been building this week after the Bal-

kan route into Western Europe shifted when Hungary decided to close its border with Serbia to migrants on Oct. 17.

Refugees still cross from Turkey to Greece to Macedonia to Serbia, but now go via Croatia and Slovenia instead of Hungary, which has erected high, razor-wire fences along its borders with Serbia and Croatia.

In the future, refugees will

register when they enter Serbia and will be able to cross into Croatia without any delays, which should speed up the process significantly, the ministers said. Further west, thousands of migrants aiming to reach northern Europe walked out of refugee camps on the border between Slovenia and Austria on their own, frustrated after waiting long hours in over-crowded facilities. □

## Hundreds at candlelight vigil for Swedish school stabbings

DAVID KEYTON

MATTI HUHTANEN

Associated Press

TROLLHATTAN, Sweden (AP) —

Hundreds of people lit candles Friday in the yard of a Swedish school where police said a 21-year-old masked man with a sword and a knife went on a rampage a day earlier, stabbing two to death and seriously wounding two others before being shot by police.

Police described the Thursday attack as a carefully organized, racist hate crime by a young man who methodically selected his victims in Trollhattan's Kronan school, where most of the students are foreign-born.

The Scandinavian nation of

10 million, known for its welcoming attitude toward migrants, was shocked by the violence in the southern industrial town near Sweden's second largest city, Goteborg.

"This is a black day for Sweden," Prime Minister Stefan Lofven said of the country's deadliest school attack. "It is a tragedy that hits the entire country."

Although violent crime is relatively rare in Sweden, there has been a spate of arson attacks on asylum centers in recent weeks as an influx of refugees has surged. Immigration officials estimate some 190,000 asylum-seekers will arrive this year, second only to Germany in Western Europe.



People stand outside Kronan school after Thursday's attack, in Trollhattan, Sweden, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. It was a racially motivated, carefully planned rampage, police say.

(Bjorn Larsson Rosvall/TT News Agency via AP)

## 43 killed in fiery bus-truck collision in French wine region

BOB EDMÉ

GREG KELLER

Associated Press

PUISSEGUIN, France (AP) —

A French investigator says it's far too early to know the cause of a fiery crash between a truck and a bus full of retirees that killed 43 people Friday morning — France's deadliest road accident in more than 30 years.

Christophe Auger, the

prosecutor for Libourne in southwest France's wine region, said "it's impossible at this stage" to say why the tourist bus and the empty truck crashed on a winding road near the village of Puisseguin, 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of Bordeaux. The crash killed 41 bus passengers, the truck driver and his 3-year-old son, who was riding in the truck with his father.

Four other people were badly injured.

Auger said investigators' top priority in the coming days is to identify the victims, a task made difficult by the charred state of their remains. Experts expect it will take three weeks before all victims are identified.

In the meantime, experts will begin analyzing the wreckage and collecting

testimony from survivors, including the bus driver, to try to understand the cause of the crash, Auger said in a televised news conference.

Images on French television showed the carcass of the bus — a collapsing, charred frame engulfed by smoke near Puisseguin, its seats nothing but empty metal frames.

Aerial views showed the

mangled remains of both vehicles on a narrow, curving road surrounded by trees.

Eight people, including the driver, escaped after the driver opened the bus door, but others were trapped as flames quickly consumed the vehicles, Puisseguin Mayor Xavier Sublett told i-Tele television. He told RTL radio the truck driver lost control of the vehicle. □

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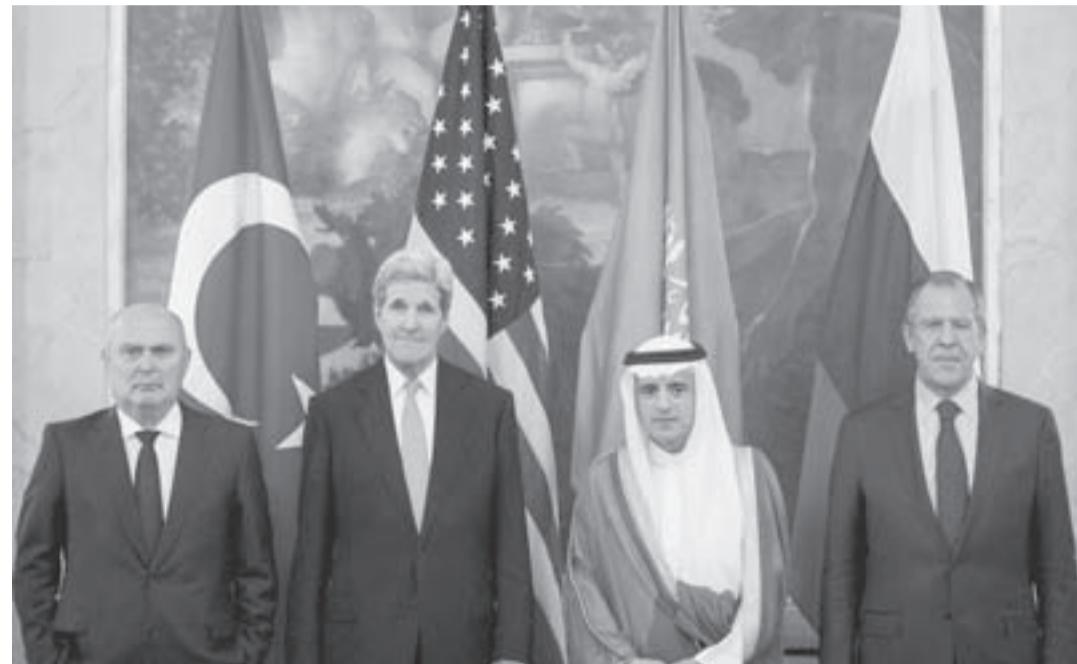
## US, Russia, Saudi, Turkey mull new Syria transition ideas

AP Diplomatic Writer

VIENNA (AP) — The United States, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey put forward new ideas Friday to revive a failed push for a political transition in Syria that could end the country's civil war, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Friday. But they remained deeply divided over the future of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The top diplomats from the four countries agreed to meet again in an expanded format with representatives from other nations next week, but the only concrete result of this week's talks appeared to be an agreement between Jordan and Russia to coordinate military operations in Syria. Kerry said there was no decision on whether to invite Iran, a major patron of Syria.

Kerry said that he, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir and Turkish Foreign Minister Feridun Sinirlioglu went over proposals to restart moribund



From left, Turkey's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Feridun Sinirlioglu, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov pose for a photo, during a meeting in Vienna, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. Kerry and his Russian, Saudi and Turkish counterparts met in Vienna on Friday, seeking to revive a moribund effort to end Syria's civil war.

(Carlo Allegri/Pool Photo via AP)

talks on how to create a transitional government for Syria. After the meeting, Kerry told reporters the "meeting was constructive and productive and succeeded in surfacing some ideas, which I am not going to share today, but which I

hope have a possibility of changing the dynamic." Lavrov said he has invited the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Turkey to join a coordination center that Russia and Jordan agreed earlier Friday would be used to integrate their air cam-

paigns over Syria. Jordan is a member of the U.S.-led coalition bombing Islamic State facilities in Iraq and Syria. The coalition has so far refused to cooperate with Russia's operations beyond a basic agreement intended to prevent mid-

air incidents. Mohammad al-Momani, Jordanian government spokesman said the agreement did not mean that Jordan was leaving the coalition.

Kerry, who is traveling to Jordan later Friday for talks with King Abdullah II and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, said the new ideas "are in keeping with all of the principles that have been laid down and with sensitivities of the nations and the parties, the opposition, all those involved in this effort." He said Friday's participants would meet again as early as next Friday. A leading Syrian opposition group, the Syrian National Council, said it still aimed for Assad's ouster.

"We will not accept the presence of Assad for one day in the transitional period," said Anas al-Abdah, a member of the coalition, in a statement emailed to AP.

The U.S., Turkey and Saudi Arabia all share the view that Assad must go if the conflict is to be resolved. Russia began airstrikes in Syria last month that it said were aimed at Islamic State militants, but the U.S. and its allies say the bombing is bolstering Assad rather than targeting militants. Kerry said that the U.S. and allied nations "understand that Assad creates an impossible dynamic for peace." Kerry suggested political talks could patch up the differences.

Lavrov said Russia's support for Assad remains strong. "Our partners have some obsession with the figure of the Syrian president, but we reaffirmed our position," Lavrov said.

One item on the agenda, Kerry said, is which nations should be included political transition discussions.

## Russian airstrikes in Syria welcomed by refugees

Associated Press

LATAKIA, Syria (AP) — Nearly a month of Russian airstrikes in Syria has boosted morale at a refugee camp in a suburb of this coastal city, where residents displaced by the long civil war had words of praise Friday for President Vladimir Putin and Moscow's bombing campaign. Russia held talks in Vienna with the United States, Saudi Arabia and Turkey — staunch foes of Syrian President Bashar Assad — but they remained deeply divided over his future. Secretary of State John Kerry said the countries' representatives would

meet again as early as Oct. 30 to discuss how to end the civil war. Russian President Vladimir Putin raised Moscow's profile this week in the Syrian crisis, meeting with Assad at the Kremlin, putting its military muscle on display for journalists, and engaging in diplomatic efforts by discussing a political settlement to the conflict. Russia is Assad's prime backer, along with Iran. Kerry said that despite the Russian and Iranian support, the U.S. and allied nations "understand that Assad creates an impossible dynamic for peace" — a situation that "has to

be resolved." But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow's backing for Assad remains strong despite what he described as "rumors" that the current talks were aimed at eventually easing him from power. Despite being unable to resolve their differences, Kerry said the Vienna meeting "was constructive and productive and succeeded in surfacing some ideas, which I am not going to share today, but which I hope have a possibility of changing the dynamic." Russia says the airstrikes it began Sept. 30 are targeting the Islamic State group

and other extremists in Syria, while the West maintains the campaign is bolstering Assad against his foes. The bombing runs originating from Hemeimeem air base in Assad's coastal stronghold of Latakia province are winning praise for Putin from displaced Syrians who are living in a camp near the provincial capital. "I hope that with Russian pilots' help, our military will advance and defeat terrorists so that we could return to our homes," said 27-year-old Attan, a camp resident who served in the Syrian military and was wounded in the fighting.



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## Venezuela sues black market currency tracker for terrorism

**HANNAH DREIER**  
Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela's Central Bank filed suit in the U.S. on Friday against a website widely used here to track the plummeting black market value of the country's currency.

In an unusual complaint filled with images, high-flown language and even links to journalists' personal websites, the bank alleged that managers of the site DolarToday are committing cyberterrorism and sowing economic chaos. The suit seeks to shut down the operation and exact monetary damages.

"How far will some go to enrich themselves? Would they go so far as to hurt their own countrymen?" the suit asks in its opening clause.

The complaint against shadowy figures it describes as Venezuelan exiles living in the United States is adorned with screenshots, historical photographs, and stock images of cash. Backers of DolarToday named in the suit could not immediately be reached

for comment. Venezuela tightly controls the legal exchange of its currency, the bolivar, using a byzantine three-tier system meant to subsidize key imports with advantageous exchange rates. But many people use the parallel black market, where the value of the local currency has been plummeting. DolarToday, which tracks currency trades along the Colombian border, has become a ubiquitous tool to check the value of the parallel market. The site is often blocked in Venezuela, but many people in the smartphone-crazed country use the site's app to check the black market rate throughout the day.

In addition to sending out alerts when the rate crashes to new lows, the site provides a steady stream of negative news out of the socialist-governed country, and posts jubilant banner headlines when members of the ruling party get into trouble.

The government says the site is publishing fake rates, intentionally driving the value of the bolivar down by

## Guyana accuses Venezuela of claiming gold mine land as own

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)**

— Guyana's president says Venezuela is inflaming a border dispute by claiming territory in his country where one of South America's largest gold mines is.

President David Granger said Thursday that Venezuela sent a letter to Toronto-based Guyana Goldfields warning it could face legal consequences for operating on land claimed by Venezuela. He accused Venezuela of trying to scare away foreign investors from Guyana. □

The mine is one of Guyana's biggest investment projects.

It employs 500 workers and is expected to produce 3 million ounces of gold in about 17 years.

Guyana Goldfields did not respond to a request for comment.

Venezuela has long claimed 40 percent of Guyana's territory and extended its maritime claims this year after oil was discovered in disputed waters. The U.N. is mediating the dispute. □



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro gives a news conference at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuela's Central Bank filed suit in the U.S. on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, against a website widely used here to track the plummeting black market value of the country's currency.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

creating the false impression the currency is bleeding value faster than it actually is.

On Friday, the site was posting a value of 820 bolivars to the dollar, down from 790 bolivars to the dollar earlier in the week. That's compared to the official rates of 6.3, 13.5 and 200 bolivars per dollar.

Economists believe Venezuela is suffering from the world's highest inflation. The bolivar has lost about 90 percent of its value on the black market during the last year, according to DolarToday numbers. □

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## Aristide makes rare public appearance for Haiti elections



Haiti's former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, left, waves to supporters as he campaigns with presidential candidate Maryse Narcisse, of the Fanmi Lavalas political party, in Cite Soleil, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. Sunday's vote is expected to clear the sprawling presidential field for a runoff on Dec. 27 between the top two finishers.

DANICA COTO  
Associated Press  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — On the last day of campaigning for the first round of Haiti's presidential elec-

tion, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide emerged from his home Friday to drive along the streets of Haiti's capital with the candidate of the splintered

political party he founded decades ago. Aristide, who remains a popular and divisive figure more than a decade since he was ousted in a violent

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

rebellion, waved to thousands through the sunroof of a car, eventually arriving at a huge seaside slum that was once a stronghold of support for him. He stood alongside Maryse Narcisse, leader of the Fanmi Lavalas faction and one of over 50 candidates vying to lead Haiti for the next five years.

The country will hold the first-round presidential vote Sunday along with balloting for numerous legislative races and local offices. The broad array of candidates had until midnight Friday to wrap up campaigning.

In the slum of Cite Soleil, thousands cheered for Aristide as they jumped on motorcycles, crammed into pickup trucks and even jogged to keep up with the caravan. Some shouted, "The king is here!" while others pointed to Narcisse's picture and yelled, "This is our mother!" Meteayer Mendy, a job-

less resident of the impoverished area where officials say pre-election violence resulted in about 15 deaths in recent days, ran alongside the car carrying Aristide and Narcisse as it wound through the pitted streets.

"We want to eat and we want work. We are suffering," he said, explaining why he backed the Lavalas party.

It's not the first time Aristide has publicly endorsed Narcisse, even though he said he would not get involved in politics upon his return to Haiti in 2011 after seven years of exile.

Earlier this month, he appeared in front of his home to urge thousands of people to vote for her. But Friday's street campaigning was still a rare public appearance for Aristide, who has mostly kept out sight at his gated home since returning to Haiti.

Josef Nazere said he drove to Cite Soleil to get a peek at Aristide because he has been a longtime Lavalas supporter. "It's the party that knows the pain of the Haitian people," he said. Political analysts say Narcisse is not one of the top three presidential candidates.

During the last election cycle, the faction was barred from the ballot and one-time influential members are now candidates leading other political platforms.

As the crowd followed Aristide and Narcisse's car into the night, another crowd began to gather at the Champ de Mars park in downtown Port-au-Prince for a rally featuring hip-hop star Wyclef Jean and Jude Celestin, one of Haiti's top presidential candidates. □

## Brazil seizes house speaker's alleged kickback cash

M. SAVARESE  
Associated Press  
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil Supreme Court seized \$2.45 million in Swiss accounts allegedly belonging to the speaker of Brazil's lower house of congress, a powerful political figure who can largely determine whether widely sought impeachment proceedings against President Dilma Rousseff are introduced on the chamber floor.

Eduardo Cunha, speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, is facing corruption charges in a huge kickback scheme at state-run oil company Petrobras. He is accused of accepting millions in bribes in arranging for companies

to win building contracts with Petrobras. Cunha, a self-proclaimed enemy of Rousseff, denies that the accounts in the Julius Baer bank are his. But documents sent by Swiss prosecutors link him and his wife to the money, Justice Teori Zavascki wrote in his Thursday decision to seize the funds.

If investigations show Cunha's accounts were filled by cash coming from corruption schemes, the funds will be returned to Brazil's treasury. The request to seize the money was made by Brazilian Attorney General Rodrigo Janot, who Cunha accuses of targeting him because

of the speaker's opposition to Rousseff.

Federal prosecutors say the Petrobras kickback scandal is the largest ever uncovered in Brazil, with over \$2 billion paid in bribes to politically appointed executives at the company along with upward of 50 sitting politicians and others in the political class who allegedly took part in the scheme that ran for over a decade. CEOs and other executives from top construction and engineering firms who allegedly took part are in prison.

Rousseff herself served as chairwoman of Petrobras during much of the time the graft played out, but as

so far has not been implicated in the scandal.

Still, the president, with approval ratings hovering around just 10 percent, is fending off widespread calls for her impeachment or for her resignation over the Petrobras scandal, allegations of fiscal wrongdoing during her first term in office and allegations the campaign coffers for her re-election run last year were stuffed with kickback money.

Despite the corruption charges facing Cunha, he is "likely to stay in office" for a while, said Claudio Couto, a political science professor at the Getulio Vargas Foundation. □

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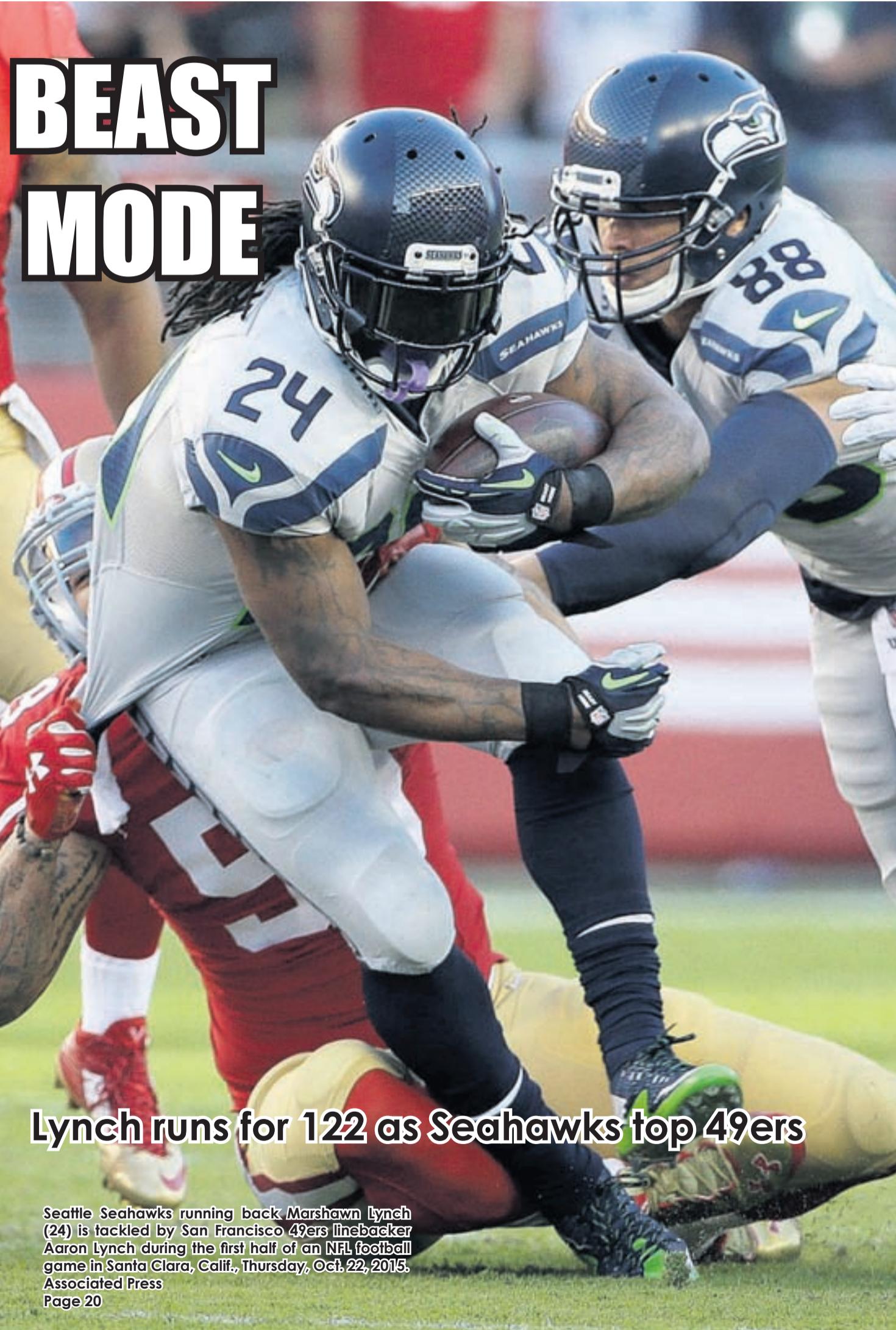
New York Mets' Yoenis Cespedes hits an RBI double during the first inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, in Chicago.

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**Mets OF  
Cespedes  
has cortisone  
injection  
in shoulder**

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes has received a cortisone injection in his sore left shoulder, and the team expects him to be ready for the World Series next week. Cespedes left Wednesday night's NL Championship Series finale at Chicago in the second inning. The slugger had the injection on Thursday and was told not to participate in baseball activities for 24 hours, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said. Cespedes did not attend Friday's voluntary workout at Citi Field.

Mets manager Terry Collins says: "We've got it taken care of. The doctors, they said, look, he'll be OK, and so tomorrow we'll find out." Collins said he didn't ask how Cespedes got hurt. Hitting coach Kevin Long said Cespedes thought he did it doing push-ups. "He didn't do it playing golf. He didn't have a bad sand shot or didn't get stuck in the side of a bunker," Collins said.



# Vonn skips World Cup opener after 10-week injury layoff

ERIC WILLEMSSEN

Associated Press

SOELDEN, Austria (AP) —

Lindsey Vonn will skip Saturday's first race of the Alpine skiing season as she doesn't feel confident about the icy conditions on the race hill, 10 weeks after fracturing an ankle bone.

The four-time overall World Cup champion returned successfully to training on skis Thursday, but decided after another practice session Friday not to start in a giant slalom on the Rettenbach glacier on Saturday.

"In the few runs I've had since returning to snow I have felt strong, confident and been skiing without pain," she wrote on her Facebook page. "However, the icy conditions on the race hill coupled with the fact that it's only been 10 weeks since I fractured my ankle makes me slightly hesitant."

The American said she



Lindsey Vonn, of the United States, inspects the finish area ahead of Saturday's Women's Giant Slalom Ski World Cup race at the Rettenbach glacier, in Soelden, Austria, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

Associated Press

planned to return to the World Cup in Aspen for a giant slalom on Nov. 28 before traveling to Lake Louise for speed races the following week.

Vonn crashed during a training camp in New Zealand in August, suffering yet another setback after an impressive return from serious knee injuries last sea-

son. She set a record for most women's World Cup wins and earned her seventh downhill season title. The American, who turned 31 Sunday, said her priority was to avoid any risks of hurting herself again.

"If the snow conditions were different my decision would have been different as well," she said. "But at this stage in my career I suppose it's better to err on the side of caution."

The U.S. ski team Alpine director, Patrick Riml, said it was Vonn's own decision not to start.

"She has been talking with the coaching staff about this but today, she didn't. She did make that call," Riml told The Associated Press. "There was no need for us to sit down with her." Riml called it "a smart decision" as "two days (of skiing) is not enough even if she's doing well. In my opinion she could only lose on

the race tomorrow. Important is now to get the feeling back, to get the timing back, to get a good training block in and then she's is just going to be ready for Aspen."

Vonn said Thursday she felt "awesome" after resuming ski training free of pain, and that her left ankle showed no reaction and held up "a lot better than I expected, honestly."

Vonn finished third in the overall standings last season and is the highest ranked skier to start in the new campaign as Austria's Anna Fenninger (injury) and Slovenia's Tina Maze (year off) won't compete. Chasing her fifth big crystal globe, the American could become the oldest female skier to win the overall title. The record is held by Swiss great Vreni Schneider, who was 30 when she last triumphed in 1995. □

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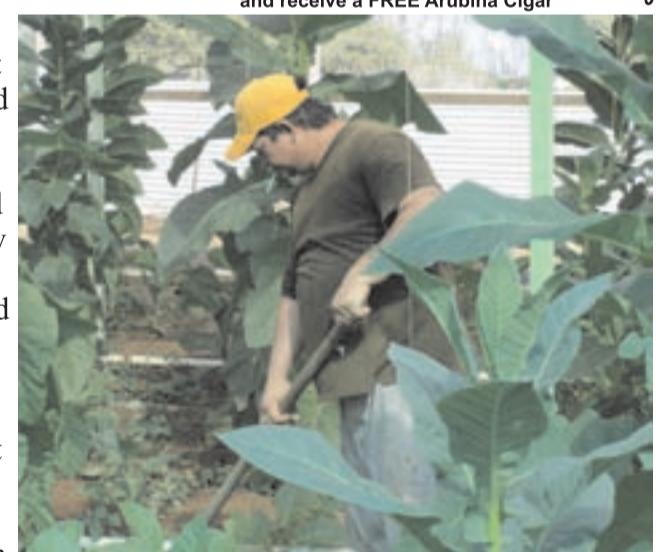


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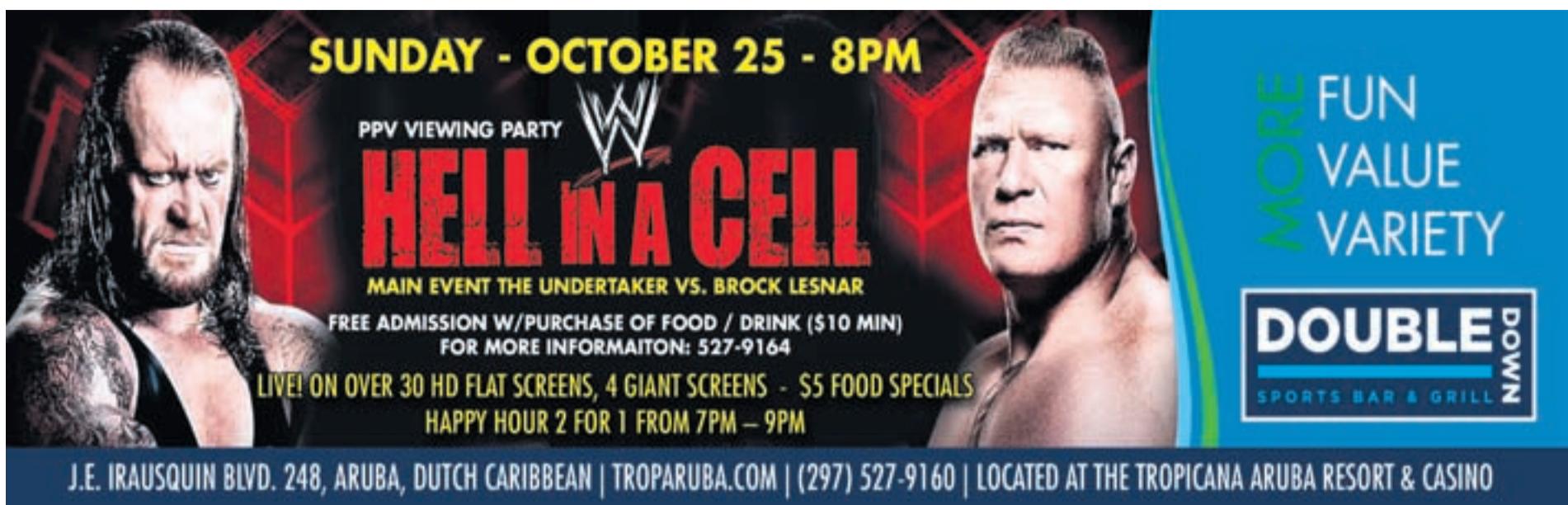
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## NFL Preview

### No bluster as Jets prepare to face Brady and the Patriots

**BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The bluster is gone. Rex Ryan left to coach the Buffalo Bills.

In his place as coach of the New York Jets is Todd Bowles, who has them off to a 4-1 start. The Jets are the NFL's dominant defensive team, have a penchant for takeaways, and will blitz you from the time the team leaves the hotel until the final seconds tick off the clock.

Now comes the big test, and a chance to make a huge statement. The Jets travel to Foxborough, and a win on Sunday over the unbeaten New England Patriots would establish New York's credentials as a title contender. But don't expect any outlandish statements from Bowles or his players.

"I don't discourage anybody," he says of holding back what his players say. "I just try to make sure we act professionally, and we do the things that we need to do to win. It's not about talking or discouraging or monitoring guys' conversations or anything like that. It's about being mature as a football team and understanding where we are and what we need to do."

What the Jets need to do is try to slow down Tom Brady. New England barely has been tested so far, and the 38-year-old Brady — who said this week he would like to play another 10 years — needs 43 yards passing to become the fifth quarterback in NFL history to reach



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady passes during an NFL football practice, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. The New York Jets are to play the Patriots Sunday, Oct. 25 in Foxborough.

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55,000. Brady is 21-6 vs. the Jets, and few quarterbacks can handle the blitz the way he can.

"They bring everybody," Brady said. "So it looks like everybody gets a turn, and they're just very aggressive with the blitz. They blitz a lot. You've got to be prepared for it at all times."

The Philadelphia Eagles go to the Carolina Panthers with each team coming off a big win attained in diametrically opposite ways. The Panthers staged a sizzling comeback at Seattle, making all kinds of clutch plays in the fourth quarter. It could be a defining win for this bunch — provided

Carolina gets past Philly. If the Eagles are as sloppy on Sunday as they were last

Monday in their win over the New York Giants, the Panthers, who have won nine straight regular-season matches going back to last season, should remain unbeaten.

Running back DeMarco Murray, the offensive player of the year with Dallas in 2014, had 109 yards rushing and a touchdown vs. the Giants and could be ready to break out.

After a stumble in Pittsburgh, where the Arizona Cardinals did nothing in the second half, they look to rebound against another

AFC North team, the bumbling Baltimore Ravens, on Monday.

Baltimore has some history on its side, having made its biggest comeback the previous time these teams met. In 2011, Joe Flacco led Baltimore back from a 24-3 second-quarter hole and won 30-27.

The Ravens spend a month without hitting the road after this one, while the Cardinals play four of the next five away from University of Phoenix Stadium, including all three NFC West trips.

Atlanta has had plenty of time to stew after its first loss, at New Orleans on Oct. 15. Falcons quarterback Matt

Ryan needs 83 yards passing against Tennessee to reach 30,000 in his career, and running back Devonta Freeman leads the NFL with 10 touchdowns — more than any Falcon scored all of last season.

In another scheduling quirk, the Titans wrap up a home-stand of four home games and a bye. They last played on the road on Sept. 20 at Cleveland, but ahead are three road games in four weeks. Rookie quarterback Marcus Mariota is battling a sprained left knee.

Off this week are three 6-0 teams: Green Bay, Denver, and Cincinnati. Chicago has a bye, too. □

## NFL Roundup

## Wilson, Seahawks rule rivalry with 49ers again in 20-3 win

BY JANIE MCCUALEY

AP SPORTS WRITER

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)

-- Russell Wilson and the Seahawks ruled their one-sided rivalry against the 49ers for another night.

Another Thursday night, in fact, and on San Francisco's home field again. No turkey this time, just some high-flying defense and hard running by Marshawn Lynch.

Wilson threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Lockett late in the first half, Lynch added a leaping 1-yard score, and Seattle beat San Francisco 20-3 for its fourth straight victory against the NFC West rivals. "It felt like a really normal Seahawk night tonight," coach Pete Carroll said. "Defense played really well all night. ... Nice to see us run the football again and run it with some authority."

The Seahawks (3-4) whipped San Francisco in Levi's Stadium on a Thursday in prime time 11 months after Richard Sherman chomped turkey on the field last Thanksgiving night following a 19-3 victory. Wilson completed 10 of his first 12 passes and finished with 235 yards passing and Lynch ran for 122 yards after vomiting on the sideline in the first half. Seattle won for the first time



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) passes against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015.

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in four road games this season, avoiding another fourth-quarter collapse. "The idea was to believe in one another," Wilson said about his message to the team along with defensive end Michael Bennett. "We lost four tough games but we thought we could have won." This game lacked its usual intrigue with both teams trying to save their seasons and Carroll missing former nemesis and Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh.

Wilson made the key plays and Colin Kaepernick struggled once again facing Seattle as the 49ers (2-5) lost four days after snapping a four-game losing streak by beating Baltimore.

Steven Hauschka sent dirt flying when he kicked a 49-yard field goal in the second quarter four days after Ravens kicker Justin Tucker slipped on the turf and shanked one off the right upright and slipped to the ground on the field that will

host the Super Bowl in early February.

Wilson was sacked five times to push his NFL-leading total to 31 and threw a pair of interceptions, but still made plenty of big plays for another lopsided result against the Niners.

"It's always cool to win in the division, it's great to win on the road," Carroll said. Fans left early again in an eerily similar scene to Thanksgiving night, when 49ers CEO Jed York apolo-

gized on Twitter in the waning moments by saying: "This performance wasn't acceptable. I apologize for that."

This time, it was former 49ers wideout Kassim Osgood weighing in on Twitter with: "Something ain't right in SF." Kaepernick's errant passes sailed into both sidelines, one ball even hitting a 49ers staff member in the head early in the game and requiring him to be checked.

Phil Dawson kicked a 35-yard field goal late in the third, and the 49ers have been held to single digits in their past three losses to Seattle with just one touchdown - outscored 56-13.

Kaepernick dropped to 1-6 in seven starts against the Seahawks with three touchdown passes to nine interceptions and 24 sacks, six more Thursday.

Michael Bennett had 3 1/2 of those sacks for Seattle, which expects to build off this game after some close losses the Seahawks wish they could have back like Sunday's overtime loss to Carolina at home.

He has a new motto, too: chopping wood.

"When you're chopping wood, just keep chopping until the tree falls, man, you can't get ahead of yourself," Bennett said.

## Henin, Safin nominated for International Tennis Hall of Fame

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Justine Henin and Marat Safin, who each won multiple Grand Slam titles and reached a No. 1 ranking, were nominated Friday for the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Others eligible for the Class of 2016 are doubles specialist Helena Sukova, Yvon Petra and Margaret Scriven. Induction is in July.

Henin, a Belgian, won seven major singles champion-

ships, including four at the French Open. She spent 117 weeks atop the WTA rankings, finishing at No. 1 in 2003, 2006 and 2007.

Safin, a Russian, won the 2000 U.S. Open and 2005 Australian Open and was No. 1 for nine weeks.

Sukova, from the Czech Republic, won 14 Grand Slam tournament titles in women's doubles and mixed doubles. She was a four-time major finalist in singles. Petra and Scriven were

nominated posthumously in the master player category.

Petra, who died in 1984, was the last man from France to win the Wimbledon singles title, in 1946.

Scriven was the first left-hander to win a Grand Slam title, taking the French national championships — now known as the French Open — in 1933-34. Scriven, who was British, died in 2001.



In this June 9, 2007, file photo, Belgium's Justine Henin poses with the trophy after beating Serbia's Ana Ivanovic in the women's final match of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Associated Press

# Wild wins 3-2 to send Blue Jackets to another loss



Columbus Blue Jackets new head coach John Tortorella, top, joins players watching a replay on a goal by Minnesota Wild's Zach Parise against Blue Jackets goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, of Russia, in the first period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, in St. Paul, Minn.

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**ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP)** — Thomas Vanek broke a tie in the second period and the Minnesota Wild beat Columbus 3-2 on Thursday night, pushing the Blue Jackets to 0-8-0 and spoiling John Tortorella's debut. Columbus' start is the worst season-opening regulation losing streak in the NHL since the New York Rangers started 0-11-0 in 1943-44. Tortorella took over as coach Wednesday after Todd Richards was fired.

Zach Parise tied for the league lead with his sixth goal 5:04 in.

After Alexander Wennberg and Brandon Dubinsky countered for Columbus, Nino Niederreiter tied it and Vanek scored the winner with 8:48 left in the second with his third goal of the season.

Devan Dubnyk made 27 saves for his fourth win in five games this season.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 20 saves for the Blue Jackets.

## STARS 4, PENGUINS 1

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Jason Spezza scored his fifth goal of the season and Dallas beat Pittsburgh for its fifth straight victory.

Johnny Oduya and John Klinberg scored their first goals of the season and Mattias Janmark got his

third, helping the Stars finish a perfect four-game trip. They are 6-1-0 overall.

Antti Niemi stopped 33 shots for his third victory of the season and fourth straight against Pittsburgh. Niemi made 37 saves in a 3-0 win over the Penguins two weeks ago in Dallas. Nick Bonino scored for Pittsburgh. The Penguins (3-4-0) had won three straight.

Evgeni Malkin's four-game points streak ended, as did his stretch of three straight games with a goal. The Penguins have scored 11 goals in their first seven games. They ended a five-game homestand, their longest this season, and will play six of their next seven on the road.

## BLACKHAWKS 3, PANTHERS 2

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Patrick Kane and Brent Seabrook each had a goal and two assists and Chicago beat Florida in its first game since top defenseman Duncan Keith had surgery in his right knee.

Artem Anisimov also scored for the Stanley Cup champions, and Corey Crawford made 16 saves to improve to 5-1 in seven career starts against Florida. Keith had a meniscal tear repaired Tuesday, sidelining the two-

time Norris Trophy winner for four to six weeks.

Jaromir Jagr and Vincent Trocheck scored for Florida. The Panthers have dropped three in a row.

## CAPITALS 3, CANUCKS 2

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Alex Ovechkin broke a tie with 4:55 left and Washington Capitals beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 on Thursday night for their fourth straight victory.

Jay Beagle pulled Washington even at 5:42 of the third, and Ovechkin won it with his fifth goal of the season. Jason Chimera scored in the first for the Capitals, but Radim Vrbata and Henrik Sedin each had a goal and an assist in the second for Vancouver.

Washington's Braden Holtby made 23 saves. He stopped Daniel Sedin on a 2-on-1 midway through the third, and made a save against Bo Horvat with less than 7 minutes left.

Washington is 5-1-0 and has beaten Chicago, Carolina and Calgary on its streak.

## RANGERS 4, COYOTES 1

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Henrik Lundqvist made 34 saves and Kevin Hayes broke a tie early in the third period in New York's victory over Arizona.

Chris Kreider, former Coyotes defenseman Keith Yandle and Rick Nash also scored for New York. Nash's goal was his 700th career point. Mats Zuccarello added two assists.

Klas Dahlbeck scored for Arizona. The Coyotes have lost four in a row after opening the season 3-0.

Hayes broke a 1-1 tie at 2:35 of the third period. Goalie Mike Smith turned

the puck over to J.T. Miller trying to play the puck behind the goal line. Miller found Hayes along the goal line, and the center lifted a backhander into the net.

## KINGS 4, SHARKS 1

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — Jeff Carter scored twice, Jhonas Enroth made 39 saves and Los Angeles beat San Jose for its third straight victory. □

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Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic returns a ball to Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, during the quarterfinal in the Stockholm Open tennis tournament in Stockholm, Sweden, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

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## Defending champ Tomas Berdych advances to semis

DAVID GERGES

Associated Press

Defending champion Tomas Berdych advanced to the semifinals of the Stockholm Open after a straight-sets victory over Grigor Dimitrov on Friday.

The top-seeded Berdych beat Bulgaria's Dimitrov 7-5, 6-4 in a repeat of last year's final.

After edging the first set, Berdych broke for a 5-4 lead in the second. The Czech saved one break point while serving for the match, and moves one step closer to reclaiming his title.

"My serve was working well today and in the tough moments I was able to help myself a lot with the serve," Berdych said after landing 86 percent of first serve points. He next faces Marcos Baghdatis who needed three sets to overcome the eight-seeded Gilles Muller, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3.

Second-seeded Richard Gasquet came from one set down to beat Jeremy Chardy 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

In an all-French quarterfinal, it was the sixth-seeded Chardy who edged ahead before Gasquet responded in the second. He twice broke Chardy to lead 5-1 in the second before getting across the line in a tight third.

Gasquet was leading 5-3 in the decider and serving for the match, when two double faults handed Chardy a lifeline. The 28-year-old Chardy capitalized and forced a tiebreak. A trademark single-handed winner eventually put Gasquet into the last four.

"It was a little difficult, but I tried to fight and played very good in the tie-break and didn't make a mistake. It was a good match for me," Gasquet said.

"Jeremy has a very good serve and very good forehand so I need to play my best tennis to win."

Gasquet next faces American Jack Sock who beat Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-2, 6-4.

That victory avenged his loss to Simon in Rome earlier in the year.

"I played more aggressive tennis in the middle of the second to get it back. With my style I try to come forward as much as I can and I was able to do that there at the end of the second," Sock said. □



In this Sept. 9, 2015 file photo, Devlin D'Zmura, a news manager at DraftKings, a daily fantasy sports company, works on his laptop at the company's offices in Boston.

Associated Press

## Massachusetts reviewing Boston-based fantasy sports, others

RODRIQUE NGOWI

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — If fantasy sports websites are allowed to continue operating in Massachusetts, they would likely have to do so under a "robust" regulatory framework, state Attorney General Maura Healey said Friday as her office continued an examination of the sites that have also drawn scrutiny from other states. Healey has given no timetable for completing her report and said in an interview with The Associated Press that her focus is on consumers, particularly those who struggle with gambling addiction.

Companies like Boston-based DraftKings and New York-based FanDuel contend their sites aren't gambling, are legal, and were exempted from a federal online gambling prohibition in 2006. Players pay an entry fee to compete for cash prizes in games involving college or professional sports. "I firmly believe that, if this is permitted to go forward here, that we need (a) strong, robust regulatory framework in place to protect consumers, to protect young people," Healey said. The Democrat

added that the Legislature could also potentially consider issues related to taxation of the industry.

Stephen Crosby, chairman of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, revealed earlier this week that the panel has been asked by legislative leaders and Republican Gov. Charlie Baker to also review the sports-fantasy sites. The commission licenses and regulates casino gambling and horse racing in the state.

Crosby said he wasn't at all surprised by the rapid growth in the popularity of fantasy sports sites.

"No, I think this is the world we live in now," he said in a separate AP interview. "You know, the Internet is a disruptive technology and it disrupts every industry. It disrupted the music industry, it disrupted the movie industry, it disrupted the retail industry, now it's disrupting ... the gambling world." The five-member panel will discuss the possible need

for regulation during its next meeting on Thursday, and expects to offer "constructive advice" to the Legislature, Crosby added.

Healey has made clear her reservations about legalized gambling in the past and has supported an unsuccessful effort to ban casinos in Massachusetts, but she has insisted those positions won't impact any recommendations about fantasy sports sites.

DraftKings, which has said it welcomes the state review, confirmed recently that it asked former Attorney General Martha Coakley to serve as an outside adviser on legal and regulatory matters. Healey worked under Coakley before winning the office in last November's election when Coakley ran unsuccessfully for governor.

Coakley's role with DraftKings was "completely irrelevant" to her own review of fantasy sports, Healey said. □



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## Tech companies face rocky road on the way to making cars

**BREE FOWLER**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Silicon Valley may think it can build a better car. But should it? As tech giants like Google and Apple look to automobiles as the next frontier for innovation, they face a looming reality: Cars are a lot harder to manufacture and sell than smartphones. Industry veterans and critics warn that the auto business is a different animal. It's fraught with massive costs to erect auto plants, complexities in developing new sales and service systems, and daunting liabilities involved when human lives are at stake.

Automakers recalled a record 64 million vehicles in 2014, shattering the old record of 30.8 million set in 2004.

General Motors Co. has had to pay \$5.3 billion to cover fines, victim compensation and the recall of millions of vehicles for faulty ignition switches. Toyota Motor Corp. paid a \$1.2 billion fine for failing to report safety defects, and Volkswagen Group has set aside \$7.3 billion for the potential costs of its emissions scandal.

"I think, like so many Silicon Valley techies, that they believe they are smarter than the world's automobile business, and that they will do it better," said Bob Lutz, a retired General Motors vice chairman. "No way."

He added that tech companies would pay the same high prices for expensive components such as electric car batteries, likely pushing retail prices of their vehicles out of reach for the average driver.

"It will be a huge money loser," Lutz predicted.

To be sure, Google and Apple have plenty of cash to



In this Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, photo, people check out the Tesla Model S at the Tesla showroom at the the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica, Calif.

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burn, with about \$270 billion in the bank combined. But the challenges of the car industry may be steering them to find ways to revolutionize automotive technology without becoming actual automakers.

### GOOGLE

Mountain View, California-based Alphabet, the new holding company for Google and its affiliated businesses, has spent six years working on cars that can drive without human assistance. But the company says it doesn't want the responsibility of building the robotic vehicles.

Instead, it plans to make the self-driving system available to automakers that already have factories, dealerships and experience.

"We have enormous respect for the expertise of the automotive industry and how big and complex a job it is to manufacture a vehicle," company spokeswoman Courtney Hohne said. "We'll partner with many different companies to bring this technol-

ogy into the world safely." The strategy is consistent with how Google currently operates. It relies on other companies to produce the devices powered by its software. Most smartphones, for example, operate on its Android software. But the company doesn't make any of the devices.

If its self-driving system makes it to market, the company could license the software for a fee or, perhaps, making it free to use like Android.

That's because it makes most of its money from ads within their popular online services. If they no longer need to drive, people might spend time in their cars watching videos on Google-owned YouTube or seeking information on Google's search engine — both of which show ads. But licensing their technology won't insulate it from safety issues. The company potentially could be held liable if one of its self-driving cars goes awry and injures or kills people in an acci-

dent.

### APPLE

Apple CEO Tim Cook told an audience this week that the automotive industry is ripe for "massive change," with new software, electric motors and self-driving capability becoming "much more important, in a huge way."

But Cook avoided commenting on reports that Apple may be building its own car, according to a video recording of his remarks Monday at a technology conference sponsored by The Wall Street Journal.

"What we really want, hopefully in the short term, is we'd like people as they enter their car to be able to have an iPhone experience in their car," he said. Apple has developed software for automakers called CarPlay, which lets drivers use an iPhone and its voice-activated assistant Siri to operate some electronic controls and entertainment systems.

In a research note, UBS analyst Steven Milunovich

cites the \$2 trillion auto industry as a potential new opportunity at a time when sales of smartphones, tablets and PCs are seeing slower growth globally.

Milunovich noted, however, that cars have significantly lower profit margins than iPhones.

Apple, which makes most of its money from iPhones, reported \$39.5 billion in net income for its last fiscal year, on total sales of \$182.8 billion. GM reported only about \$4 billion in profit for its last fiscal year, on sales of \$151.1 billion.

Apple outsources manufacturing to contractors in Asia. That may be more difficult to do with cars, said Jack Nerad, an analyst at Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com. While an iPhone is complex, with about 1,700 components in an iPhone 6 Plus, it pales in comparison to a vehicle, which has some 10,000 parts.

Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, sees a car in Apple's future, though he doubts they'll attempt to manufacture it themselves. He welcomes the competition.

"I think that this industry in general needs to open up to disrupters," Marchionne said in an interview on CNBC Wednesday. "Whether it's the Google car or the Apple car... it's going to change the traditional nature of car-making."

**UBER**  
Self-driving technology has also piqued the interest of Uber, the fast-growing Silicon Valley startup that operates a ride-hailing service in cities around the world. Uber said earlier this year that it was partnering with Carnegie Mellon University to research and develop new technologies for mapping, vehicle safety and autonomous driving. □

## Tech stocks lead a rally; S&P turns positive for year

**ALEX VEIGA**  
AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks closed higher on Friday, delivering their second gain in two days and pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index back into positive territory for the year.

Strong quarterly earnings from several big-name technology companies helped rally the market, which has been gradually regaining ground following a swoon in August and September. Microsoft vaulted to a 15-year high, while Amazon and Google's parent company Alphabet closed sharply higher.

Investors also welcomed an interest rate cut by China's central bank and the possibility of more economic stimulus for Europe.

"It's been a great couple of days for the market and it's actually impressive to see such a good follow-up after yesterday's unbelievable move," said JJ Kinnan, TD Ameritrade's chief strategist.

The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, rose 111.81 points, or 2.3 percent, to 5,031.86.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 157.54 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,646.70. The S&P 500 index climbed 22.64 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,075.15.

The gains pushed the Nasdaq up 6.3 percent for the year. The S&P 500 index is now up 0.8 percent. The Dow is down 1 percent.

The stock indexes notched healthy gains early on Friday, as investors bid up shares in Microsoft, Amazon and Alphabet a day

after the three tech giants reported surprisingly strong quarterly results.

Microsoft surged \$4.84, or

China's central bank on Friday announced cuts in its benchmark interest rates on loans and deposits. It

which officials will undoubtedly factor the ECB's intentions into their own outlooks.



**Trader Robert Charmak, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. U.S. stocks closed higher on Friday, delivering their second gain in two days and pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index back into positive territory for the year.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

10.1 percent, to \$52.87. Amazon gained \$35.12, or 6.2 percent, to \$599.03, while Alphabet climbed \$38.19, or 5.6 percent, to \$719.33.

Shares in Capital One Financial jumped 8.2 percent. The credit card issuer and lender reported third-quarter earnings late Thursday that came in ahead of Wall Street's expectations. The stock added \$6.18 to \$81.12.

The market action in the U.S. followed a rally in European and Asian stock markets as traders welcomed new action by China's central bank and the possibility of more stimulus for Europe.

was the sixth interest-rate cut in a year.

A day earlier, the head of the European Central Bank hinted that the bank might extend its \$1.2 trillion bond purchase program or take other measures to stimulate the Eurozone's economy. "Both of those were positive and begin to lift the cloud of uncertainty which drove the volatility in the third quarter," said Michael Baughen, global investment specialist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

Next week, the spotlight turns to the world's other big central banks, the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan, which are holding policy meetings at

Wall Street has been trying to discern when the Fed will begin to raise its benchmark interest rate from a record low near zero, where it's been since late 2008. Six of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index moved higher, led by technology stocks. The sector rose 3 percent and is up 6.6 percent this year. Utilities stocks declined the most, sliding 1.8 percent and extending its loss for the year to 5.7 percent.

While only about a quarter of the companies in the S&P 500 index have reported results this earnings season, the market has seen some encouraging signs so far.

## UK telecoms gets ransom demand after hack

LONDON (AP) — Phone and Internet service provider TalkTalk said Friday that it has received a ransom demand after a "significant and sustained" cyberattack that may have compromised customers' credit card and banking details.

Chief Executive Dido Harding said the company did not know how much data was stolen in the attack on

TalkTalk's website, but it was operating on a worst-case scenario in which "all of our customers' personal financial information has been accessed."

She said she had "received a contact from someone purporting ... to be the hacker, looking for money." Harding said she did not know whether the demand was genuine, or whether information on the com-

pany's 4 million customers had been encrypted.

London's Metropolitan Police said its cybercrime unit was investigating "an allegation of data theft from a telecommunications website" reported on Wednesday.

TalkTalk has acknowledged that it realized it was under attack on Wednesday. It has been criticized for not telling customers for

more than a day.

It is the third known cyberattack in a year on TalkTalk, which provides mobile phone, broadband Internet and pay television services.

Shares in the company plunged more than 10 percent before recovering to close 4.4 percent lower at 256.8 pence (\$3.94) on the London Stock Exchange

## STREET BRIEFS

GM cuts 2nd Orion Assembly plant shift; 500 layoffs planned

ORION TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Co. says it's cutting the second shift at its Orion Assembly plant in suburban Detroit in a move that's expected to result in about 500 hourly worker layoffs. GM says Friday the change takes effect in January and is designed to align production at the plant in Oakland County's Orion Township with demand. Since 2010, GM has invested \$962 million at Orion Assembly, including \$405 million in the past year for the Chevrolet Bolt and another new vehicle. The Chevrolet Sonic and Buick Verano are made at the plant. The announcement comes a day after Detroit-based GM said it plans to bring back a second shift at its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant, adding more than 1,200 jobs. GM says affected Orion Assembly workers could transfer there or elsewhere.

## Truck maker Volvo sees earnings rise but new orders fall

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Swedish truck maker AB Volvo says a weaker currency boosted its third quarter earnings but noted that intake for new truck orders fell 15 percent, mainly due to a slowdown in North and South America. The Gothenburg-based company said Friday net profit for July-September more than doubled to 3.1 billion kronor (\$365 million), from 1.5 billion in the same period last year. Volvo, which also makes buses, engines and construction equipment, said sales grew 9 percent to 73.3 billion kronor. But when adjusting for currency movements, revenue growth was one percent. Acting CEO Jan Gurander said the company sees "continued improvement in Europe" in the truck market, declining demand in North America and a weak market in Brazil. Demand in Asia, except for China, is set to remain "relatively stable."

## American Airlines 3Q profit soars high on cheaper jet fuel

DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** —

American Airlines plans to offer a version of the low-fare, no-frills approach to flying that is boosting profit margins at discount carriers.

Officials at American, the world's biggest airline, say they need to fight back against small but fast-growing rivals including Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines, which are known for cheap fares, lots of extra fees, and poor service.

American has many frequent fliers who will pay more for premium service, said Scott Kirby, the airline's president.

But 87 percent — accounting for half of American's revenue — fly the airline no more than once a year, and they buy airline tickets based on price, he said.

"We have to compete for them," Kirby said. "We can't just walk away from that size of the business."

So beginning next year American will offer tickets with "less frills" but a "really cheap price" where it competes on nonstop flights with discount carriers, Kirby said. He declined

to provide more details.

Kirby also said that American will change its AAdvantage frequent-flier program next year, but he

plans as executives discussed the company's record-breaking third-quarter profit.

American Airlines Group

profits — before they recovered most of the loss. Spirit's stock took a bigger hit — it fell 9 percent during intraday trading. Fron-

span the globe.

But discounters, which include Mexico's Volaris and Norwegian Air Shuttle, are growing rapidly by appealing to consumers who want to fly as cheaply as possible.

Spirit has been possibly the most successful of the so-called ultra-low-cost carriers in the U.S. It draws the highest rate of complaints among airlines tracked by the federal government — followed closely by Frontier, which began imitating Spirit's no-frills approach last year — but has had higher profit margins than the giants.

When other airlines decided not to match Spirit's low fares, it grew to become bigger than United or Delta in Dallas-Fort Worth and bigger than Delta in Chicago, Kirby said.

American isn't the only big airline worried about the low-cost outfits. Late last year, Delta Air Lines began selling a "basic economy" ticket that doesn't allow seat selection or ticket changes and may not offer full frequent-flier benefits. It was introduced in a few markets and seen as a response to Spirit. □



This photo shows the tails of four American Airlines passenger planes parked at Miami International Airport, in Miami. American Airlines reported quarterly financial results Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

declined to give details on that either. Other airlines have changed their plans from miles to points — a way of rewarding high spenders at the expense of customers who buy cheap tickets.

American disclosed its

Inc. reported that net income jumped 80 percent to \$1.69 billion thanks to a huge drop in fuel spending. But American's shares fell 4.7 percent — apparently on concern that price-cutting to compete with Spirit and Frontier might erode

tier shares are not publicly traded.

Big airlines like American, Delta and United chase high-dollar business travelers with amenities such as lie-flat seats and fancy food in premium cabins and route networks that

## Twitter CEO gives up \$200M in stock for company employees

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

After laying off more than 300 workers, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey is trying to lift the spirits of the remaining employees by giving them 6.8 million shares of the stock he owns in the online messaging service.

Dorsey is giving up the stock, currently worth more than \$200 million, so Twitter can award the shares to its employees, according to documents filed Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The gesture comes a week after Dorsey laid off 8 percent of Twitter's workforce in an effort to make the company profitable for the first time in its nine-year history. The gift represents nearly one-third of the stock Dorsey owns in the

San Francisco company.

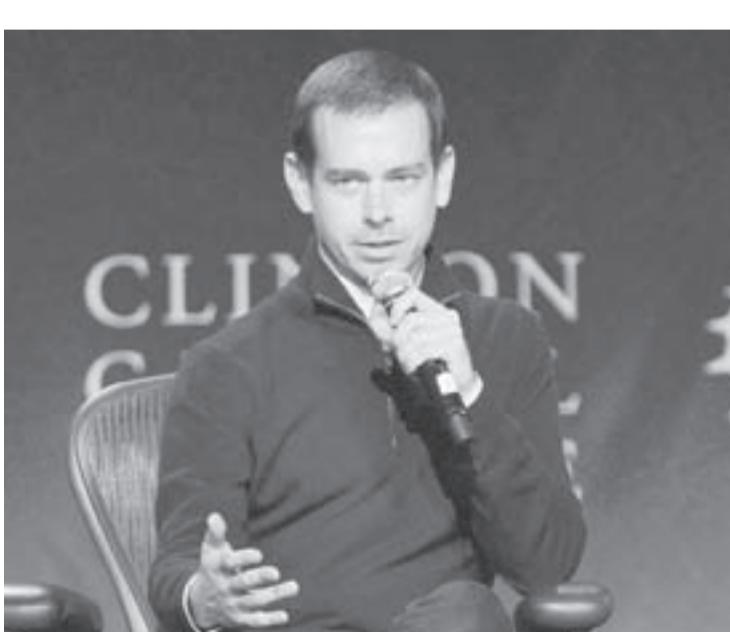
"I'd rather have a smaller part of something big than a bigger part of something small," Dorsey tweeted about surrendering some of his stock. "I'm confident we can make Twitter big!" Twitter said Dorsey's shares will be earmarked for stock issued to employees next year under the company's incentive plan.

Dorsey will still own 15 million Twitter shares worth about \$460 million, based on Twitter's current market value.

Twitter's stock gained \$1.13, or nearly 4 percent, to close Friday at \$30.28.

The shares have declined by 40 percent in the past six months amid concerns about Twitter's slowing user growth and inability to make money.

Twitter Inc. brought back



Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey speaks in St. Louis. According to a Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 regulatory filing, Dorsey is relinquishing stock worth more than \$200 million so the messaging service can award the shares to its employees.

(Robert Cohen/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP)

Dorsey, one of its co-founders, as its CEO in hopes that he can figure out a way to make the messaging ser-

vice more appealing beyond its core audience of about 300 million users. By comparison, Facebook's

social networking service has 1.5 billion users, even though it is only two years older than Twitter.

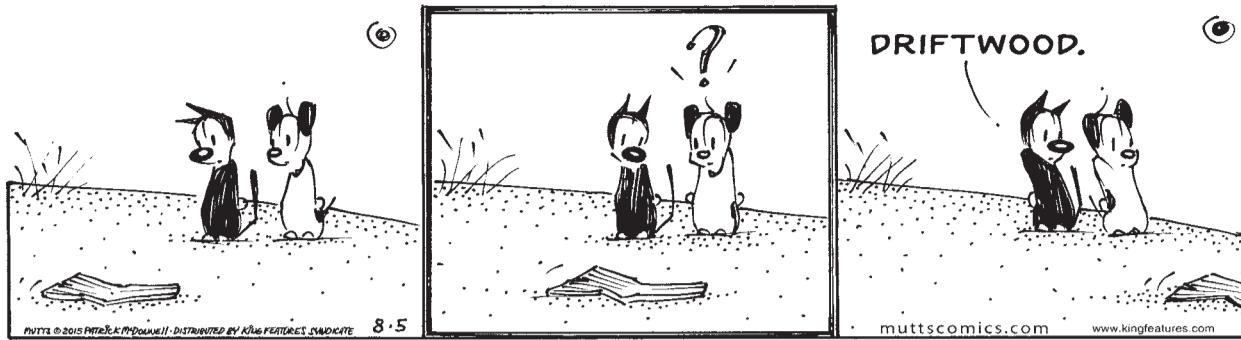
Dorsey was Twitter's original CEO, but was ousted because the company's board didn't think he was the right leader at that time.

While he tries to re-tool Twitter, Dorsey is also serving as CEO of Square, a payment processor that is preparing to price an initial public offering of its stock.

Dorsey has given back nearly 15.1 million shares of Square stock during the past two years, too, according to Square's IPO documents. He remains by far Square's largest shareholder with a 24 percent stake in that San Francisco company, which is located a block away from Twitter's headquarters. □

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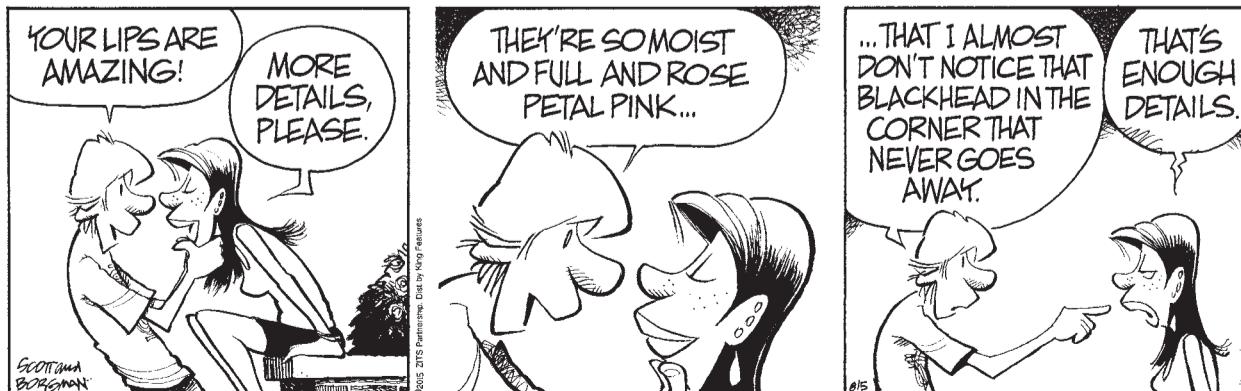
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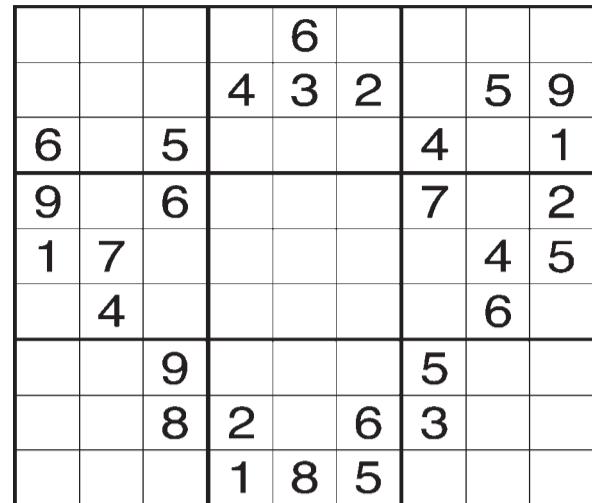
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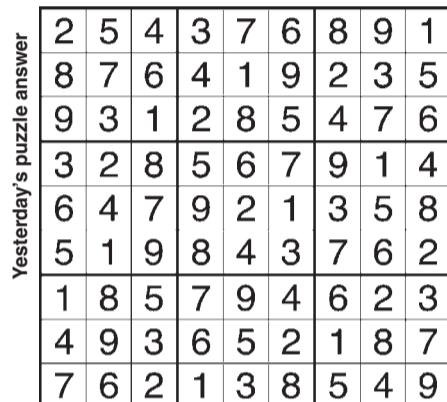
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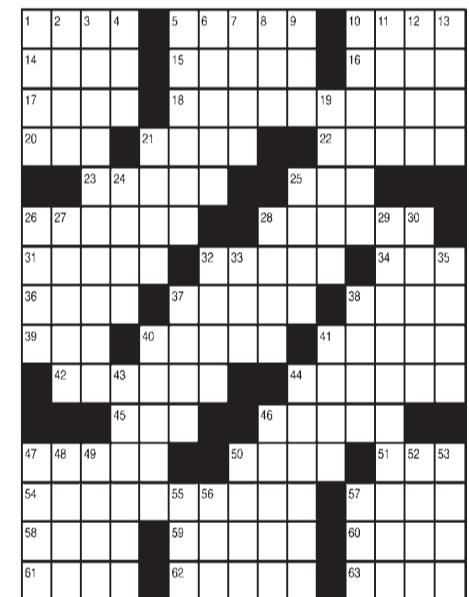
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# Despite US-led campaign, Islamic State rakes in oil earnings



FILE - In this file photo released on May 4, 2015, on a militant website, which has been verified and is consistent with other AP reporting, Islamic State militants pass by a convoy in Tel Abyad, northeast Syria. The Islamic State rakes in up to \$50 million a month from selling crude from oilfields under its control in Iraq and Syria, part of a well-run oil industry that U.S. diplomacy and airstrikes have so far failed to shut down, according to Iraqi intelligence and U.S. officials.

(Militant website via AP, File)

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BAGHDAD (AP) — The Islamic State rakes in up to \$50 million a month from selling crude from oilfields under its control in Iraq and Syria, part of a well-run industry that U.S. diplomacy and airstrikes have so far failed to shut down, according to Iraqi intelligence and U.S. officials.

Oil sales — the extremists' largest single source of continual income — are a key reason they have been able to maintain their rule over their self-declared "caliphate" stretching across large parts of Syria and Iraq. With the funds to rebuild infrastructure and provide the largesse that shore up its fighters' loyalty, it has been able to withstand ground fighting against its opponents and more than a year of bombardment in the U.S.-led air campaign.

The group has even been able to bring in equipment and technical experts from abroad to keep the industry running, and the United States has recently stepped up efforts to close off this support.

Washington has been talking to regional governments, including Turkey, about its concerns over the importing of energy infra-

structure into IS-run territory in Syria, including equipment for extraction, refinement, transport and energy production, according to a senior U.S. official with firsthand knowledge of the IS oil sector.

Speaking to The Associated Press in Washington, he said international actors in the region were intentionally or unintentionally aiding this effort and called IS' management of its oil fields "increasingly sophisticated," something that has helped the group slow down the degradation of its infrastructure from U.S. bombing raids. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press. IS sells the crude to smugglers for discounted prices, sometimes \$35 per barrel but as low as \$10 a barrel in some cases, compared to just under \$50 a barrel on international markets, four Iraqi intelligence officials told the AP in separate interviews. The smugglers in turn sell to middlemen in Turkey, they said. The oil used to be smuggled in fleets of giant tankers but, fearing airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition, smaller tankers are being used now.

The Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the press.

The Islamic State group is believed to be extracting about 30,000 barrels per day from Syria, smuggled to middlemen in neighboring Turkey. In Iraq, they produce around 10,000-20,000 barrels per day, mostly from two oilfields outside Mosul, Ibrahim Bahr al-Oloum, a member of Iraq's parliamentary energy committee and a former oil minister, told the AP. But he said much of the Iraqi production is not sold and instead sent to Syria to makeshift refineries the group has set up to produce fuel products.

In total, the group is believed to make \$40-\$50 million a month from sales, the Iraqi officials said. A report by the Islamic State's Diwan al-Rakaaez — its version of a Finance Ministry — seen by the AP in Baghdad shows that revenues from oil sales from Syria alone last April totaled \$46.7 million. The IS "finance ministry" report put at 253 the number of oil wells under IS control in Syria, saying 161 of them were operational. Running the wells were 275 engineers and 1,107 workers, it said.

Turkey's prime minister's office said in a statement to the AP that it has taken steps to tighten border security and "has effectively stopped oil smuggling" across the border. It said that as of the end of Sep-

tember it had prevented 3,319 acts of smuggling from Syria and that since 2011 it seized more than 5.5 million liters of oil in anti-smuggling operations. It did not comment on U.S. efforts to stop oil equipment and experts from entering Syria from Turkey. Daniel Glaser, a U.S. Treasury official, estimated IS oil revenues at around \$500 million a year, based on evidence they made around \$40 million in one month in early 2015. The group is also believed to rake in hundreds of millions of dollars a year from "taxes" on commercial activities in the areas it rules, said Glaser, who is assistant Treasury secretary for Terrorist Financing in the Of-

fice of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

That income is on top of the money that the militants first looted from the Iraqi central bank branch in the city of Mosul when they seized it in the summer of 2014 and other bank branches, which "at the time was thought to be anywhere between \$500 million dollars to up to \$1 billion," Glaser told the AP.



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## Why did Hurricane Patricia become a monster so quickly?

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Hurricane Patricia zoomed from tropical storm to record-beater in 30 hours flat like a jet-fueled sports car. Why? The Pacific storm had just the right ingredients.

Plenty of warm water provided the energy what meteorologists call explosive intensification.

The air was much moister than usual, adding yet more fuel. And at the same time, upper-level crosswinds — called shear — that restrain a hurricane from strengthening were missing for much of Thursday, meteorologists said.

"I was really astounded," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel. "It was over the juiciest part of the eastern Pacific."

El Niño's fingerprints are all over this, meteorologists agreed. And while it fits perfectly into climate scientists' theories of what a warming world will be like, they say global warming can't quite be blamed — yet.

At 10 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Patricia was a tropical storm off Mexico with 65 mph winds that forecasters expected to intensify rapidly. In fact, one forecast gave it a 97 percent chance of getting stronger fast.

But it strengthened so quickly that many were surprised, said Robert Rogers at the National Oce-



A sand sculpture carved with a message that reads in Spanish; "Welcome to Vallarta" decorates the beach in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

Associated Press

anic and Atmospheric Administration's Hurricane Research Division.

By 4 a.m. EDT Friday Patricia's winds were a record for hurricanes: 200 mph.

"Incredible."

You don't see many like this," said former hurricane hunter meteorologist Jeff Masters,

meteorology director of the private Weather Underground. "In fact in the Western Hemisphere, we've never seen anything

like this."

In the Eastern Hemisphere, satellite estimates measured Typhoon Nancy at 215 mph in 1961 and Typhoon Violet at 205 mph also in 1961, but satellite measurements aren't as precise, Masters said.

(Hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones are all the same thing with different names.) Super Typhoon Haiyan that devastated the Philippines in 2013 was measured at 195 mph via satellite. How-

ever, most storms don't have accurate measurements because most don't get planes flown into them unless they are a threat, Emanuel said.

He's part of an experiment with the U.S. Navy, dropping measuring devices from planes into Patricia for the past three days.

Worldwide, this is the ninth Category 5 storm this year, which is tied for the second most on record, Masters said. Normal years are

around five to six. A Category 5 storm has winds of 157 mph or higher.

The eastern and northern Pacific regions have had more tropical storms than usual this season; the Atlantic has had less.

That's a classic signature of the weather pattern called El Niño — with warmer waters to feed storms and favorable winds in the Pacific and unfavorable winds in the Atlantic, Masters and others said. □



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## Bradley Cooper rolls up his sleeves for 'Burnt'

LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Bradley Cooper wasn't a novice to the kitchen when he decided to take on the role of the fictional Michelin star chef Adam Jones in "Burnt."

He grew up in a food loving home near Philadelphia — some of his favorite memories are of his grandmother making pizza, cheesecakes and homemade raviolis. He was a bus boy at a Greek restaurant there, a waiter at a fancy establishment near Georgetown University, and a prep cook at an Italian and seafood place in Somers Point, New Jersey.

One day, he said, he cut and cleaned 620 chickens and nine boxes of peppers in addition to making the dough and sauces.

But he didn't tell anyone that when he started rubbing elbows with the Michelin caliber cooks he needed to learn from for this role.

"They wouldn't have cared," said Cooper, laughing. Besides, he needed to get down to work if he was going to believably portray this top chef seek-



This photo provided by The Weinstein Company, shows Bradley Cooper as Adam Jones, in a scene from the film, "Burnt." The movie opens in U.S. theaters on Oct. 30.

Associated Press

ing a third Michelin star. Whatever knife proficiency he thought he had wasn't exactly going to cut it under the scrutiny of professionals. In "Burnt," out Oct. 30, not only is Adam Jones a savant in the kitchen; he's also got a drug habit that's left him an exile in the world of haute cuisine. While the drugs are under control for the moment, his temper is another story. Who better to learn from than the

stormy Gordon Ramsay? Cooper trained alongside Claire Smythe, executive chef of London's Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, which has three Michelin stars, for "many, many services," said director John Wells. "All the actors had to spend the time to get fluent in the craft — not fluent enough to serve 100 meals, but fluent enough where someone else who knows how to do it wouldn't think

they look ridiculous." When it got down to shooting, they chose the authentic over the artificial, shooting in a real, functioning kitchen and making real dishes. Everyone who wasn't a named actor in the room was actually a cook in a Michelin-rated restaurant, and BBC TV Master Chef presenter Marcus Wareing was behind the camera, both designing the menus and keep-

ing an eye on everyone's technique. The actors felt the stress and the pain of working in a real kitchen too — sometimes literally, with cuts and burns.

"That's real sweat. My eyes were bloodshot for half the movie. It was all real. For an actor, that was amazing. There was no stunt double. There was no insert of another person's hands," said Cooper. "It's all me, for better or worse."

Being No. 1 on the call sheet isn't unlike being the head of a kitchen, too. Cooper needed to set the tone of the operation.

"He did exactly what any director would want him to do. He was fully prepared, had done all of his research, knew all of his lines and showed up ready to work and was as demanding as Adam," said Wells. "He was the first person on the set and the last person off." The seriousness with which Cooper approached the role reminded Wells of another actor he'd worked with recently: Meryl Streep. He remembers showing up for a read through of "August: Osage County" and Streep was already off book. □

## 'Suffragette' embodies its message of equality for women

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — For actress Carey Mulligan, "Suffragette" was unlike any film she had ever made: The writer, director, producers and most of the cast were women.

"It was a unique experience. I'm used to being the only girl in a room," Mulligan said. "And it needed to be a female team to get it made in the first place, because it wasn't going to happen if it wasn't a group of women pushing it uphill, because no one wanted to tell the story."

The story is of women's fight for the right to vote in Britain in 1912. Mulligan plays Maud, an ordinary, working-class woman who

finds herself becoming an activist despite the risks of being part of the volatile movement. The film shows the women holding rallies and starting fires — and getting beaten, jailed and tortured; socially ostracized and unemployed, as a result.

There was little studio interest in telling the story — and that points to the problems women continue to face in Hollywood today, Mulligan said.

"A woman threw herself in front of a king's horse in 1913 and changed the course of history, and no one in 100 years felt this was a story worthy of the big screen," she said. "If this monumental moment can go undocumented and

untold, imagine how many millions of women's stories there are for us to tell."

With her female-centric subject matter, cast and creative team, "Suffragette" director Sarah Gavron has made a film that embodies its message about equality.

"Between one to 10 percent of films are made by women — often it's more like one percent — and film is a way we put a mirror up to our lives," Gavron said. "So by making this film and having a woman producer, writer, director, so many heads of department behind the camera, and then all those women in front of the camera, we were shifting the balance



In this Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 photo, Sarah Gavron, left, director of the film "Suffragette," and cast member Carey Mulligan pose together at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles.

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in an extraordinary way. But you don't just want that to be a one-off."

Given the level of awareness about the gender disparity in Hollywood, Mulligan said the industry is compelled to respond.

"I think it's gotten to the point where people can't ignore it now," she said. "And there probably will be

action as a result of it and not just a lot more noise."

Other than Maud in "Suffragette," Mulligan hasn't yet seen a move toward equality reflected in the parts she is offered. So far, she said, "it's still been a bucket load of boring girl-friend roles."

"Suffragette" opens Friday in the U.S. □



In this June 12, 2015 file photo, Duane Allen, from left, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden, and Richard Sterban of The Oak Ridge Boys perform at LP Field at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville, Tenn. On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Oak Ridge Boys will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

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## No slowing down for kings of the road, Oak Ridge Boys

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Kenny Rogers announced that he was retiring from touring, the Oak Ridge Boys were saddened.

"I have always thought, if Kenny Rogers can still be doing it, we can still be doing it," said Richard Sterban, the group's bass singer. "After next year, Kenny won't be doing it and there will be a void."

Added Joe Bonsall, "I can't imagine Kenny Rogers not being out there."

But don't expect the four-part vocal group to follow Rogers' lead anytime soon. They are as busy as they have ever been, traveling to Branson, Missouri, almost every weekend to perform at the theater named after them and getting ready to do a 31-city Christmas tour that kicks off around Thanksgiving.

On Sunday, Bonsall, Sterban, Duane Allen and William Lee Golden, who have all been performing together since 1973 as the Oak Ridge Boys, will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame as one

of the few gospel acts to successfully transition to secular music and become hit makers in multiple genres. Also being inducted this year: the late Jim Ed Brown; his sisters, Maxine and Bonnie Brown, and the late Grady Martin.

The band's origins date back to the Oak Ridge Quartet formed in 1945 by gospel icon Wally Fowler. The name of the band and the members changed during the '50s and '60s, but by the early 1970s, the band's current lineup started outgrowing the genre. They had four Grammys for gospel performances already, but signed to a new label in the hopes of reaching a wider audience.

"We were sort of the renegade gospel band," Bonsall said. "We grew our hair longer. We didn't dress alike. Our songs were cooler. We hired a band and had a rock n' roll drummer. We drove people crazy in Southern gospel in those days."

They were helped out by artists like Johnny Cash and Rogers, who invited them out to play arenas with him on his Full House tour with

Dottie West in 1979. They started having country hits like, "Y'All Come Back Saloon," "I'll Be True to You," and then their biggest hit, "Elvira," which took off in 1981. In the 1980s, they headlined arenas and amphitheaters and even Garth Brooks opened for them.

Bonsall, who recently put out a book called, "On the Road with The Oak Ridge Boys," said the key to their longevity is recognizing that no one individual is greater than the group.

"We are spokes in the wheel and the wheel turns," Bonsall said. "Each individual spoke brings individual talents and ideas and different personalities to the table that makes this group go."

And the wheel is still turning.

"The best part about this is we are still going strong after all of these years and we do not plan on retiring," Sterban said. "We are still having fun doing this and we love what we are doing. At least for the short term certainly, we plan to keep on singing." q

## JK Rowling play to feature adult Harry Potter, son Albus



In this July 7, 2011 file photo, British author JK Rowling arrives in Trafalgar Square, in central London, for the World Premiere of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the last film in the series.

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LONDON (AP) — The secret is out — the first-ever Harry Potter play will be a magical sequel.

Producers announced Friday that "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" will center on an adult Harry and his son Albus Severus. The two-part stage saga begins where Rowling's books ended — 19 years after the boy wizard's epic battle with evil Lord Voldemort. A synopsis says Harry is now an overworked civil servant in the Ministry of Magic, while his youngest son is struggling "with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted."

The play will run in two parts, intended to be seen either on the same day or on consecutive days. It previews from June 7 and opens July 30 at London's Palace Theatre.

The first play about the bespectacled wizard is based on a new story by Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany.

## TV special to honor Mickey Mouse, other animated stars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mickey Mouse, Bart Simpson and Scooby-Doo will share the limelight in a TV special paying tribute to cartoon characters.

Fox said Thursday it will air a two-hour program honoring 40 animated stars that

have touched fans with humor and even proven influential.

The program, titled "TV's Funniest Animated Stars: A Paley Center for Media Special," is from the non-profit center that focuses on media and society.

## Gloria Steinem: A life on the road, but not behind the wheel

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yes, she's a driving force behind the women's movement that transformed the lives of millions. But Gloria Steinem doesn't, er, drive. As in, doesn't even have a license.

Steinem devotes a chapter to this interesting fact in her entertaining new memoir, "My Life on the Road," a chronicle of her itinerant life. Though she has a wonderfully lived-in Manhattan home, chock-full of mementoes from a life of advocating and organizing around the country and across the globe, she spends only half her time there, at most. The rest is, well, on the road. But not behind the wheel. And there's a reason.

"I would miss something if I drove," Steinem says. It's about communication. She loves talking to taxi drivers anywhere in the world, or arriving at a university for a speech and being driven by her hosts, who tell her what's going on around campus. "That's really crucial time," she says. "I would not want to miss that."

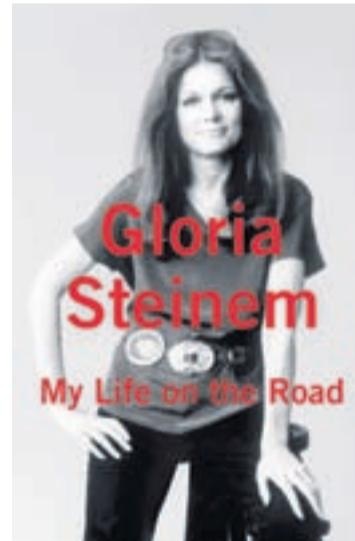
Steinem, now 81, has been working on her memoir for a good 20 years, on and off. Traveling wreaks havoc on one's writing schedule, not to mention how it helps one procrastinate. And when we say travel, we mean to places like Botswana, where she spent her 80th birthday riding elephants. Or to North Korea, where, in May, she was part of a group of peace activists crossing the Demilitarized Zone by bus. In fact, Steinem says, she travels more now than ever before.

Which is why she decided to not write a traditional memoir, but a road book. "That word 'memoir' sounds pretentious, anyway," Steinem says with a smile, settling into her living room sofa with her cat nestling contentedly in her lap for an interview this week. "Also, I've been writing books and articles and essays this whole time, but



This book cover image released by Random House shows "My Life On the Road," by Gloria Steinem. The book will be released on Oct. 27.

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In this Oct. 20, 2015 file photo, Gloria Steinem attends a party for her new book, "My Life on the Road," in New York.

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it somehow dawned on me that I was writing LEAST about what I was doing MOST. The fact that I was on the road more than half of my life was invisible." But it's not just about recounting her own experiences; Steinem wants to encourage others — especially women — to head out, "because the road doesn't belong to women, and it should. Women aren't 'supposed' to go out on the road." She also, incidentally, would like politicians to live up to their

claims that they know the country. "They ought to be forced to go on the road for two years for every term they're in office, because then they would stop saying 'the American people' as if there's one," she says. "Because it's just so wildly diverse."

There's yet another reason for the on-the-road theme. Steinem fears that in our increasingly digital world, we may be forgetting the value of in-person communication. "Not to diminish the importance of the Web," she says. "But it should be also obvious that people can't empathize with each other unless we're in the same room."

And so Steinem's anecdotes — and there are many — are often about chance encounters with people who made piercing observations, or lent unexpected support. She says she and her co-founders never would have started Ms. magazine, for example, if not for traveling the country. "Everybody in New York said starting a magazine like that was hopeless," she says. Women across the United States convinced her that "the women's movement



In this Oct. 19, 2015, photo, Gloria Steinem poses for a picture at her home in New York.

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wasn't just 12 crazy ladies in New York and LA."

It was also a woman in an audience who made Steinem laugh — then, and now — when discussing the constant problem of being judged by her looks. She points out in her book that she'd been called pretty before she became a feminist, and suddenly as a feminist

she was called beautiful. The subtext, she says, was that feminists aren't supposed to be attractive, and also that if she could get a man, why would she need equal pay? But an elderly woman stood up in an audience one day and told Steinem: "Don't worry, honey. It's important for somebody who could play the game — and win — to say, 'The game isn't worth (expletive).'"

Because of her status among women, Steinem is often asked where she stands politically — especially in election season. She supported Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic nomination in 2008, a decision she says she made purely on the basis of Clinton's experience in Washington versus that of Barack Obama, whom she wholeheartedly supported in the general election. In 2008, she didn't think America was ready to elect a woman. Now, she says, "I think we've been able to see more women in authority in the public world. And part of that has been changed by Hillary herself as secretary of state." Hopeful as she is, she warns it won't easy: "The campaign is going to be hell."

Steinem, who's been a writer all her life, says the process was still difficult. "If you're a writer and you really care about writing, you put it off," she says. "You wax the floor." Once she'd written her draft, she handed it to "two friends with machetes" who cut at least a third. Still, every day she thinks of a story she should have included. "I could follow each copy to the bookstore with a pencil in my hand," she jokes.

There was, for example, the elderly Chinese man crossing the street who suddenly turned and asked what she thought of the late Margaret Thatcher. (Not much, she told him.) She was delighted by the exchange, which she sees as a reward of being open to new experiences — a way to be "on the road" without traveling. □

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